## TOMORROW

Writs-crackers Writs fly thick and fast in America, land of the litigious, during the season of goodwill.

Rus . . . Michael Seely on Fred Winter, the top National Hunt trainer.

... rabbit Among the Christmas post: Letters from Peter Rabbit and Squirrel



The rise of the middle class pressure groups.

... warfare Sowing the seeds of civil war in Namibia.

## Nilsen hurt in prison yard scuffle

Dennis Nilsen, serving a life sentence, for murder, was treated in Wormwood Scrubs hospital, London, yesterday for a four-inch cut to his left cheek after a scuffle in an exercise yard with another prisoner. The Prison Department said it was believed a razor blade

#### UN chief's fear of nuclear war

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, urged Mr Andropov and Mr Reagan to have the courage to negotiate and help avert a nuclear war. Nobody gave them the right to decide mankind's fate, he said

Mad' superpowers, page 5



#### Picket appeal

Leaders of the National Graphical Assocition have asked sympathetic unions to back the reimposition of a picket line at the Warrington print works of Mr Eddie Shah Facility withdrawn page 2

#### Swedes defiant

Sweden defied US pressure to hand over American computers seized en route to Russia. As a gesture of neutrality, it decided to keep them indefinitely in

#### Olivetti deal

American Telephone and Telegraph is taking a 25 per cent stake in Olivetti, the Italian data processing company, through a \$260m (£183m) share Page 13

#### Wales fail

Wales failed to qualify for the European Championship footbail finals when Yugoslavia beat Bulgaria with a goal in injury time in Split yesterday Page 17

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# Radioactive leak at Sellafield may lead to prosecution

Sellafield (formerly Windscale) in Cumbria, may be prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over the prosecuted over the prosecuted over the abnormal discharges from its Irish Sea pipeline control of the prosecuted over th ast month which resulted in the formation of a radioactive slick.

The Director of Public Prosecutions has been called in after investigations of the incident have disclosed that there may have been breaches of the law requiring exposures to the public from discharges to be kept "as low as reasonably achievable" and proper records

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, announcing the DPP's involvement in the Commons yester-day, added that there may have been other breaches of the Nuclear Installations Inspector-

He told MP's, however, that it was clear from the early inquiries that there had been no breach of the authorized limits on radioactive discharges, al-though he added that the Government was considering imposing still lower limits.

The company and its chief officers could be prosecuted under the Radioactive Sub-stances Act of 1960, which governs the discharge of radio-active material into the sea.

**Poseidons** 

could leave

US base at

**Holy Loch** 

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

The United States govern-

Loch in Scotland as a b

loss of 8,000 jobs.

The Poseidon missile has

lessened the strategic sig-

nificance of Holy Loch.

had not heard of any American

plan to withdraw, and any such reports must be speculative. It is possible that even if the

Poseidon submarines are with-

drawn the Americans will wish to continue to maintain a

facility at Holy Loch for other

Only recently, in the Ameri-

can Defence budget for 1984, the spending of £4m to

construct a new pier and warehouse at Holy Loch was

approved, with construction scheduled to begin next April. Holy Loch has been in use as

a US nuclear submarine base since the 1960s. The base was

particularly important in the

early years because the Polaris missiles which the submarines

then carried had a range of only

about 1,500 nautical miles, and

it was necessary for there to be

a base from which the submar-

ines could operate in waters

relatively close to the Soviet

This agreement has con-

tinued to apply, though with less force, since Polaris was

replaced by Poseidon missiles

which have a range of around

British Nuclear Fuels, the to £1,000 or up to three months' the skin after only brief direct

gation by the National Radio-logical Protection Board, which analysed seaweed and other flotsam collected 10 miles on either side of the pipline, that he could not withdraw his advice to the public against unnecess-ary use of the beaches for the time being.

Although it remained true that any risk of contamination to the public was extremely small, radioactive flotsam was still being found, he said.

At the same time a report has been published by Ministry of Agriculture sciwnists on the marine, environmental and agricultural consequences of the discharge. Summarizing it, Mr Jenkin said that it showed there had not been any significant effect on fish, shellfish and other foods, and that there was no reason why people should not eat local catches or farm

The protection board concluded that radioactivity in the seaweed samples it examined was well below the level which would constitute a hazard to the general population, but its main concern was that anyone handling the more active samples The penalities are a fine of up taken from the beach could exceed the annual dose limit for

Mr Jenkin has referred the issue to the DPP after seeing early results of the investigations by the radiochemical inspectorate of the Department of the Environment and the of the Environment and the Health and Safety Executive's nuclear installations inspectorate, which he promised would be published as soon as possible after they were received by ministers, "provided there is no

MPs of all parties expressed grave concern inside the House and outside about Mr Jenkin's statement. The ministers who referred to management error in the operation of the plant, that it was an accident which should

risk of prejudicing any legal

The Greenpeace environment group said last night that the statement had been weak indecisive. The only credible course for the Government to restore considence in the plant would have been to stop discharges.

Mr Jenkin is understood to be highly likely to introduce lower discharge limits, not because they have been exceeded in this incident but because they were set on the assumption that there would be an even disperal of radioactivity, and not a clustering effect as shown by the analysis of the seaweed.

export markets, the potential

for growth would seem stronger than for some time". Inflation

in Britain is likely to run at 5.5

per cent next year, slightly above the latest Treasury

forecast of 4.5 per cent by the

end of next year, but in line

with the OECD average of 5.25

however, that the global econ-ornic recovery is still highly dependent on growth in the American economy, which is

expected to start slowing down

in 1985, after expanding by 5

The industrial economies in

the OECD are expected to grow

per cent in the coming year.

The OECD gives a warning,

Parliament, page 4

#### **OECD** forecasts

## UK recovery among fastest in Europe

From Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent, Paris Britain's economy was said optimistic one: "With recovery now occurring in important

vesterday to be recovering faster than most countries in Europe, but with prospects of a sus-tained period of growth still threatened by continuing high interest rates and huge budget deficits in the United States. ment is believed to have indicated to the British govern-ment at the highest levels that it may wish to cease asing Holy This was among the main conclusions of the latest set of

its nuclear submarines, from authoriatative half-yearly econ-Holy Lock on the lower omic forecasts from the Organi-Clyde is the home of the United zation of Economic Cooper-States Navy's Submarine Squadron No 14, which comation and Development, the international club of leading prises up to 10 Poseidon submarines. The base has a staff of at least 1,800, with a industrialized countries. The OECD report is likely to be seen by Mrs Margaret Thatcher and similar number of dependants other European leaders as useful also living in the area. ammunition in their efforts to persuade President Reagan to Although the nuclear base has been a focus for hostile attention from the peace movemodify his economic policies.

The report, published in ment in Scotland, its closure Paris, says that unemployment would result in a significant in Britain is likely to remain unchanged until 1985, but will reduction in economic activity on the lower Clyde estuary, continue to rise in the rest of which already faces severe problems with the threatened Europe during that period. Britain can also expect econ-omic growth of 2.25 per cent closure of the Scott Lithgow shipyard at Greenock, just across the estuary from Holy Loch, which could cause the next year, 0.75 per cent lower than forecast by the Treasury, but still higher than every The British Ministry of Defence said yesterday that it

> continue, but whether its recent strength can be sustained.

European country except Spain, Sweden, Finland and Switzer-land. The main question, the OECD says, is not so much whether-Britain's recovery will

Its conclusion is a cautiously

as a group by 3.5 per cent next year after 2.25 per cent this year - a slightly better perform-ance than the OECD predicted in July. The OECD says that the shor-term effects of a cut in the American budget deficit from 1985 onwards might be to reduce demand in the US and abroad. But in the longer run,

growth would be more sustai-It adds that unless Europe takes advantage of any fall in the dollar to bring down interest rates at home, there will not be a significant improvement in

their economies.

#### Grant of £2m to cover losses at London Zoo By Our Political Staff

Parliament is to be asked to operations and minimal mainapprove a grant of up to £2m to tenance at the Zoos Regents cover this year's expected Park and Whipsn ade. operating deficit of the Zoologi- Last year, the num

cal Society of London. Announcing this in a Common Written answer yesterday 1981 at just over one million, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of but rising costs took their toll. State for the Environment, also said that the Government had agreed to provide financial support for up to three more years, ending on March 31, 1986.

deficit, and also pay for the first stage of a plan drawn up by City concultants involving basic support after 1986.

Arts Correspondent

group hopes to ban entertainers who have performed in South

Africa from council premises.

The ban, which would also apply to athletes appearing at Crystal Palace and other GLC-

owned sports tracks, would affect entertainers like Frank

Sinatra and Shirley Bassey, and

A number of performers could find themselves banned

from the Festival Hall if the

move goes ahead, the London

promoter, Mr Raymond Gub-

bay, said last night.
"I don't think any promoter

soloists.

conductors

The GLCs ruling Labour

Mr Jenkin said it was clear that it would be a little time before the society could dispense with government support.
But the president and council had assured him of their best endeavours to reduce the society's operating deficit and do without government revenue

Last year, the number of

visitors to the Regents Park 200

was almost unchanged from 1981 at just over one million,

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, the GLC leader, said he would be pressing for the bar as part of the GLC's efforts to make 1984 "Anti-Racist Year". The council also plans to name streets and buildings after anti-apartheid campaigners.

Sinatra and Bassey: On the GLC list.

are and not for their politics."

GLC 'apartheid' may hit stars

The GLC last night said it would receive an officer's report next month on how far the ban could be legally imposed.

Show business promoters would easily accept that he thought the main victims of any could or could not choose the ban would be middle-of-thepeople he employs like this, road entertainers in one-night Mr Gubbay said. "My reaction sone of some degree of shock. Many stars like Spike Milligan." We engage artists for what they and Cliff Richard have accepted work in South Africa.

# Gas prices are to rise by up to 4.3 per cent on New Year's Day, but standing charges have been pegged. Any further increases during 1984 have been ruled out by British Gas. The cost of besting a typical

sized yesterday that the price

rise decision was its own and not the Government's.

the increase was in line with its

policy of setting a long-term pattern of modest increases to compensate for natural gas

price rises. Letters, page 11

British Gas also said that

Dearer gas

from New

Year's Day

By David Young. Energy Correspondent

The cost of heating a typical three-bedroom home by gas central heating will rise by 26p a week and British Gas A number of the 95 people injured were still in hospital yesterday. Inspector Stephen Dodd, aged 34, was in a critical but stable condition after an estimates that cooking costs for a family of four will rise by 2.5p operation to remove a blood British Gas has also put

and west London early clot on the brain yesterday in an operation **3** A fund for police victims of organized by the Special Branch the bomb was set up yesterday back an increase in industrial gas contract prices from midto cope with money and gifts January to April 1 "to continue to help British business in the from well-wishers.

The four were taken to and cheques has been sent to The tariff changes is the first for 15 months and comes after Paddington Green police Chelsea police station. Two station, considered the most rooms have been needed to confirmation that new financial store Christmas hampers, drink targets have been agreed between British Gas and the and flowers sent in for the 13 under the Prevention of injured officers from Chelsea Terrorism Act. No details were and the families of the two Department of Energy. In contrast with the elecreleased about the four or dead. tricity supply industry, which is opposing price increases to meet new government financial targets, British Gas empha-

Child crusader: A Shia boy displaying support for Ayatollah Khomeini during a demonstration in Beirut yesterday. Lebanon severed relations with Iran last month.

detectives are not yet happy

in the blast were opened

yesterday by Dr Paul Knapman,

the Westminster coroner, and

adjourned to February 15.

Inquests on the five who died

that it should be issue

Five held in hunt for

Harrods bombers

By Stewart Tendler

Five Irishmen were held for bought the car from a part-time questioning in London and car dealer last month, but

Manchester yesterday under the

Prevention of Terrorism Act by

detectives investigating the Provisional IRA bombing at Harrods. Police are also searching for a sixth man in the Midlands.

None of the men is thought

to be directly involved in the Saturday's bombing, but detectives hope they may provide useful information.

Four were arrested in north

and carried out by the branch anti-terrorist squad officers and

secure London station and

normally used for people held

about the fifth man held in

At Scotland Yard, detectives

under Commander William Hucklesby, head of the anti-

terrorist squad, were still trying

to trace the movements of the

Austin 1300 used to hold the

bomb. Attempts have been

made to produce an artist's

impression of the man who

Manchester.

Donations include £1,000 from a company, nearly £200 from residents of a local block of flats and 60p from three boys aged eight.

Three Chicago policemen

flew to London yesterday to honour the two police officers

Shopping crowds, page 2 Leading article, letters, page 11

"statements by Provisional

But Mr Prior said in Belfast

He said thousands had voted

He had been in touch with

for Provisional Sinn Fein and

Dublin since the Harrods

bombing and favoured joint

moves on security because the problem affected the whole

Mr Philip Flynn, acting general secretary of the Republic's Local Government and Public Services Union, is facing pres-

sure to resign as a vice-president of Sinn Fein because of last

week's terrorist violence. He has

received the requests from

peaceful democratic means.

only their support for violence

but also their active encourage

that banning Provisional Sinn Fein was not the answer to the

province's problems.

island of Ireland.

## Cabinet likely to reject calls to ban Sinn Fein

ment of it.

From Richard Ford. Belfast

The Cabinet is likely to take visional IRA and membership the advice of Mr James Prior, of the Provisional IRA and Sinn Secretary of State for Northern Fein is widely overlapping. Ireland, and reject calls for banning Provisional Sinn Fein Sinn Fein leaders reveal not when it discusses the issue today at its last meeting before

Mr Prior's warnings of the dangers involved in prescribing the Provisional IRA's political wing will be heeded by ministers, and the postponement by Dr Garret FitzGerald's Government on imposing a ban in the Republic will also influence

However, the last document on which the Official Unionist politician, Mr Edgar Graham, vas working when he was murdered, was published yes-terday, calling for Provisional Sinn Fein's proscription, intern-ment of its leaders and exclusion of its members from posts in public service.

Mr Graham had checked proofs of the paper on the night before he died, and it states: The reality is that they are a political front for the Pro-

#### branches of the union. Leading article, page 11 Middle East buyers foiled

in share raid Middle East investors have built up a 5.2 per cent stake in Kleinwort, Benson, Lonsdale the holding company for one of Britain's top merchant banks The shareholding was disclose yesterday after a largely unsuccessful attempt to increa

10 per cent. The shareholders have not been named although they are known to Kleinwort, Be with whom they have done business. The shares are held through

an investment company, for whom L Messel, the stockbroking firm, was trying to buy more Finance and industry, page 13

## Eight die in blast on French base in Beirut

Beirut

At least one French soldier and seven civilians were killed and 17 other people were wounded last night in the latest attack on French troops of the multinational force in West

In a pattern which has now become all too familiar to American and French soldiers here, a lorry was driven towards the heavily guarded and sand-bagged French base at Nasra not far from the old Beirut front line and the explosives on board were detonated a few seconds after the driver had leapt clear.

The bomb blasted down as apartment block and civil defence workers were last night burrowing into the ruins to search for civilian victims. The lorry rammed an earth embankment - specially built to protect the French from just

such an attack - at the back of the schoolhouse where the French troops are billeted. The soldiers there apparently had no time to fire at the driver before the attack. The explosion was so powerful that it blew a hole 20ft wide and 10ft deep into the road.
At almost exactly the same

time, another bomb was thrown at a West Beirut bar where American Marines often drink, killing at least three people and wounding several others.

The Pickwick Bar, just off

Hamra Street, was devasted in the explosion and the first police to reach the building found two of the bodies burning fiercely A US Marine guard from the

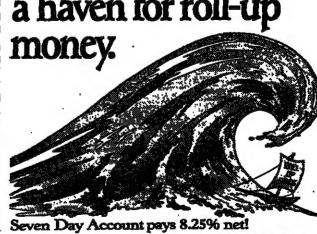
American Embassy had been drinking in an adjoining room but was not hurt by the blast. The bomb attacks, which

were almost certainly carried out by Shia Muslim extremists, came at the end of a day in which Israeli jets had bombed Iranian and Shia militia positions around the eastern Lebanese city of Baalbok. Syrian troops fired barrages of missiles at the Israeli planes and the authorities in Damascus later claimed that seven civilians had been wounded. two of them seriously, when bombs exploded in the Shaikh Abdullah barracks south-east of Baalbek where Iranian revolutionary guards are living.

The barracks was captured from Lebanese soldiers earlier this year and was the target of a French air raid last month which failed to damage either the barracks or the buildings inside. The Israelis said that the Iranian position - the Israelis called it a terrorist base - had housed the men who planned both attacks on Israeli soldiers in Lebanon and on the multinational troops in Beirut. The attacks in Beirut last

night may thus have been intended as retaliation for the Continued on back page, col 2

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# Threatened council's chief Ran Bursten accuses Whitehall of distorting budget evidence

threatened with abolition used

and that the Government has

knowingly ignored the statistics", Mr Gunnell said. "We

have over 40 per cent of our

expenditure in Home Office

services. Police and fire pay settlements are higher than in

Mr Gunnell said that the first

the rest of the public sector."

By Hugh Clayton Local Government

Mr John Gunnell, leader of Government figures
West Yorkshire County Council, yesterday accused the (Coopers & Lybrand figures adjusted for different council spending patterns. GLC excluded throughout.) Government of "deliberate falsification of evidence" in its ciforts to abolish all English metropolitan county councils, including his own.

Mr Gunnell came to London armed with the first of two reports prepared by the Coopers & Lybrand management consultancy, which claimed that some of the evidence put forward by the Government in the autumn more than a third of their Ministers then published a budgets on police and fire

White Paper called Streamlin- services. For them, therefore, ing the Cities proposing the much more expense was abolition of the English metropolitan county councils and the instead of by councillors. The Greater London Council in consultants also said that the 1986. Coopers & Lybrand were White Paper exaggerated the commissioned to make an difference in increases in rate independent study of the plans demands between metropolitan by the county authorites counties and English councils in designated for abolition. They general. are West and South Yorkshire, Greater Manchester, West Midlands, Merseyside and Tyne

The consultants claimed that ministers had overestimated the amount of "overspend" by the metropolitan counties compared with the performance of other English county councils. That was because they had underesumated differences in spending patterns.

county councils devoted half of their budgets to £40,000. The second part, about education. where inflation had been restrained by falling appear early next year and numbers of children. Only would cost £30,000 for each of about an eighth of their budgets the six threatened councils.

**Pensions** 

'robbery'

attacked

By Our Political Staff

Mr John Daly, general secretary of the National and Local Government Officers

Association, said last night that

a Treasury plan to increase

pensions contributions by 2 per

cent of pay for local govern-ment workers was "downright

"It would be nothing but a

per cent wage cut aimed at milking public service workers of some £350m as a kind of

taxation through the back

The proposal, which would affect 1.060,000 local government workers, 820,000 National

Health Service employees and

613,000 teachers, is not connec-

ted with a report from the

Government Actuary this week which said that there should be

a 1.05 per cent increase in contributions to the teachers'

superannuation scheme from

next April.

That report stated that the

employers should pay an additional 0.25 per cent, but left

to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of

State for Education, apportion-ment of the remaining 0.8 per cent which is required to make

good a balance of liability, a deficiency, of £2,390m in the

Teachers' unions warned the Government yesterday that

they would oppose any attempt

to increase their pension contri-

butions by 2 per cent of pay (the Press Association reports).

cent of their earnings. They

Teachers contribute 6 per

Increase in council spending 1979-83(%) Metropolitan counties All other English

• The London Borough of Hackney was given leave in the went on police and fire services, where inflation had been more severe because of government High Court yesterday to seek a demands for expansion and ruling that the target spending where many costs were con-trolled by the Home Office and figure given to councillors by the Government last week was unlawful because it was too low to enable them to do their But the metropolitan councils

statutory duties.

Hackney which claims to be the poorest local authority area in the country, rejects govern-ment claims that high-spending councils can make further savings without cutting essen-tial services.

#### More attacks on rate-capping Bill

The National and Local "I believe that the White government Officers' Associ-Paper is deliberately deceptive ation (Nalgo) said yesterday ation (Nalgo) said yesterday that the Government's plan to impose rate ceilings on high-spending local councils could cost 300,000 jobs.

The Trades Union Congress

expressed "total opposition" to proposals in the Government's rates bill to impose their

ceilings by "capping" raires.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said that part of the consultants' study, it wanted to start a joint published yesterday, had cost campaign against the Bill with associations of local councils the costs off abolition, would and curb their freedom to provide the services they felt fitted local needs, he said.

## New clue in tracing how cancer starts

Another important towards understanding cancer starts is anno

A group of researchers at imperial College, London, supported by the Cancer Research Campaign, report in the journals Nature and Cell the discovery of a number of es which are switched on in all tumour cells but not in

The team, beaded by Dr Peter Rigby, has identified one of those genes as coming from body's immume defence mech-

The gene turns out normally specialized functions

to be switched on only in the embryo, a dramatic illustration of the long-suspected similarity between cancer cells and embryo cells in the early stages

> An editorial in Nature says that Dr Rigby's paper is "plainly of the utmost importance, but for reasons which at this stage are not fully appar-

The implications are important for understanding not only the molecular basis of cancer but also how the immun system works, and how cells of

## Protection law proposed ior British inventions

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

inventions in biotechnology and medicine and innovations resulting from small companies' efforts principal areas in which needed to give British scientists proper protection.

The Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, is studying others made by the Cabinet Office Chief Scientific Adviser,
Dr Robin Nicholson. The published by the Government this week.

On biotechnology the study say the money is paid into a notional fund administered by the Government which in return guarantees their return guarantees their pension. cations. As a result, the Mr Nigel de Gruchy, deputy disclosure necessary for patentgeneral secretary of the ing is carried out by depositing National Association of School-masters/Union of Women Teachers, said that teachers it.

were not getting value for The new law would be

intended to give the small inventor the chance of quick and cheap protection without undergoing the present full an increase of about 13 per cent examination process. That can in staff at a time when the

The report concludes: "The small bright ideas man in the the region's buildings classed as UK is at a disadvantage against being in a poor state of repair, foreign counterfeiting. He finds, the strategic plan envisages foreign counterfeiting. He finds, the strategic plan envisages for example, that his idea is disposing of outdated ones, stolen by an overseas manufacturer either acting on his own behalf or for another foreign

The cost of fighting to protect nsurance scheme with govern-

their trademarks protected. These would include laundries, financial services, banks and the up by ten trade unions in the

take up to two years and cost region's population is expected

the patent overseas could be provided through some mutual ment backing the report sug-

An increasing number of service industries would have

## Oxford test Crowds 'thinned' by of health staff freeze

bomb explosion at Harrods.

Regular shoppers, bus con-

ductors, taxi drivers and staff at Piccadilly Circus and Oxford

Circus Underground stations

were all agreed that the crowds

were appreciably thinner than

in previous years. Store managements, however, insisted

agements, however, insisted that the impression was a false

one, not borne out by their

Harrods itself was clearly

busier than it had been on

Monday, when the compara-

tively few shoppers were con-

gratulating each other on having

come to "the safest place in

Staff admitted, though, that

the shop was considerably quieter than would have been

expected in the normal pre-Christmas rush. "Usually you

cannot move in here at this

time of year", one senior staff member said. "At least it is a bit

more comfortable for the faithfuls who have come. The

management declined to quote

Sclfridge's, however, claimed

Marks and Spencers, while

Surgeons set for more

heart-lung transplants

allowing that the West End did

Heart and long transplants will continue to be carried out

in Britain despite the death of

Mr Lars Ljungberg, the first beart-lung patient in this country. The next patient is

to be "busier than last week and

much busier than last year".

trading figures.

their takings.

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From Nicholas Timmins, Despite the Home Secretary's Social Services Correspondent declaration that not to go shopping in the West End of Oxford ondon this Christmas would be handing a victory to the IRA, there was little doubt among the

Plans for a radical shift in health care from hospitals to the community over the next decade are to be put to Oxford Regional Health Authority next general public in Oxford Street, Regent Street and Knightspridge yesterday that the lastminute shopping crowds have been deterred by Saturday's

One result of the changes will be a significant increase in staff, up to more than 4,000, with an increase of 36 per cent to 4,330 in the number involved in community services.
With the Government att-

empting to freeze National Health Service manpower at about its present level, the proposals will provide a key test of whether health ministers are prepared to see manpower rise to provide the type of com-munity based service that the Department of Health is advo-

The plans envisage a doubling of day care treatment in the region to 25 per cent of all acute cases, with shorter stays in hospital for maternity patients, in a package that will cut about £11m from projected spending on acute services by 1994.

Large mental illness and mental handicap hospitals in the region, including Fair Mile, St Crispin, St John's, Borocourt and Littlemore hospitals, would be closed, or reduced in size, being replaced by community based units and more care at home, both for those patients and the elderly.

Spending on those groups would rise by about £19m. which is £8m more than if the services continued in their

A large investment would be attempt to cut treatment for cancer and heart disease by 25 per cent over the 10 years, by persuading people to stop smoking, and eat a healthier

diet.
The proposals would mean to rise by about 11 per cent.

likely to be a seriously ill With almost 30 per cent of woman who has been assessed as spitable for the operation. Mr Ljungberg, aged 32, a Swedish journalist, died in Harefield Hospital, west Lonincluding remote large insti-tutions. Land sales should raise don, on Tuesday night, 14 days after the operation. Death was £22m in the next decade. due to the failure of his kidneys Dr Ronnie Pollock, the and other organs, the hospital

Oxford region's specialist in community medicine, said the The surgical team was headed by Mr Magdi Yacoub, who has performed 80 heart region believed it could achieve the change without local authority services having to spend transplants, the most recent more. "This is not an attempt to being six days ago. Mr Yacoub was said yesterday to be "very disappointed, but determined to pass the responsibility to local

The plans were criticized by the "Who Cares" campaign, set Harrods bomb

seem quieter, insisted they had no figures to bear it out "For us it has simply been a very good Christmas, especially in the gift and speciality food lines"

For Liberty in Regent Street it was claimed that figures were showing "a most satisfactory increase" on the same period last year. "We do not feel that our customers have been deterred, and we are now preparing our biggest ever post-Christmas sale."
This last will be good news

for my taxi driver who said: "I decided not to go to the shops before Christmas this year, but to give my family promissary notes for the winter sales. I do not call that a victory for the IRA. I call it a victory for good sense and sound economy.

 The Arts Council yesterday withdrew a £1,750 guarantee for



Mr Leon Brittan: Advice

success. "There was nothing

wrong with the technique or the

skills of the surgeons", the hospital said. "There was no

sign of the new heart and lungs

being rejected. Mr Ljungberg

was a very, very ill man before the operation. If he had been a

tittle stronger, he might have

At least three patients have

been assessed as suitable for

heart-lung transplants at Hare-

field, including the woman who is likely to be the next to

undergo the operation. There have been 22 such operations

around the world, most of them in the United States and 13 of

the patients survive. Of 140

heart transplants in Britain, 83

"Our first heart transplant patient, Mr Derek Marney,

died, but that did not deter us

from going on", the bospital

of the patients are still alive.

a concert at Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, after it discovered that posters for the event contained references to the IRA (Our Arts Correspon-

Sir William Rees-Mogg, the Arts Council chairman, said; The concert as originally planned appeared to consist of unexceptionable twentieth cen tury music. However, the main piece in the concert was described as Agitprop with the clear implication that purpose is to make political propaganda in favour of the IRA. This is unacceptable.

The guarantee was given to a London promoter, Matchless Music for a concert by the Eisler Collective on January 19. The poster produced by Matchless Music for the event showed a picture of a woman backed by the slogan "IRA - Long Kesh".

The central part of the concert was to have been an adaptation of Brecht's The Mother by John Arden and Margaretta D'Arcy, the husband and wife writers who live in Ireland and have espoused republican causes in the past. Matchless Music refused to comment

 Stocks of blood at the South ondon Transfusion Centre at Tooting almost exhausted by demand after the Harrods bombing, were renewed yesterday by transfers of 200 pints each from centres in Southampton and Bristol and the Army' blood supply depot at Alder-Leading article and

letters, page 11

### NGA thwart computer innovation

By David Cross

The National Graphical ssociation (NGA) has Association thwarted what would have been a breakthrough in the use of computer technology in the

newspaper industry.

Coastalpress, a small publishing company, launched a new tabloid newspaper for motor cycling enthusiasts a month ago with what it thought was the blessing of the NGA for journalists to do most of the work normally carried out by printers.
Instead of writing their

stories on typewriters and then passing them to NGA members or setting into type, the journalists would have typed their words directly on to. computer discs for direct input to a typesetting computer. Indeed, the first edition of Motorcycling Weekly, with a print run of about 70,000 copies

was set fully by journalists, with NGA members adding typesetting instructions before the material was turned into type But when national officials of the NGA in Bedford discovered

how the new weekly was being printed, they intervened to stop the practice. As a result subsequent edi-

tions of the newspaper have been printed with NGA memrather than journalists setting the type for the com-puter. Mr Chris Harding, an NGA -national officer, said vesterday that there had been a misunderstanding" between Mr Bill Thomson, managing director of Coastalpress, and London Regional officials of the

NGA
While discussions on the possibility of a mutually beneficial understanding and agreement" on the issue of single key-stroke production methods with Coastalpress would: continue, the union was not prepared to allow journalists at the company to set type at the present time, Mr Harding

#### Corrrection

Our report on Tuesday of a Restrictive Practices Court judgment referring to the need to have a qualified person in all retail agencies of the Association of British Travel Agents should have stated that the court concluded that the period proposed by ABTA for acquiring the necessary practical experience was right, not that the court gave no indication of a length of practical experience.



It might seem proportion to ascribe too much significance to Mr David Steel's decision not to address the Liberal candidate's annual conference at Oxford next is month. He is reluctant to tie q himself down because the dates have not yet been fixed for his :: Moscow visit, and the conference is at an awkward time for :" him anyway.

Yet it is hard to believe that ... these would be sufficient reasons for his declining to b make even a tentative comm ment if he were really eager to? speak to his troops. One-might have expected him to be. These are the people who will be in with the front line at the next of election, and this would sarely .... be a good opportunity for him se to rally their spirits after the in disappointment of the last so election and the uncertainities (48 over his own intentions that 'c' followed so soon after.

So this episode, trivial Lis though it might appear, raises ic the question as to whether he really still has the appetite for the wearisome task of leading a smaller party. There is no reason to doubt his bealth. He has fully recovered his fitness after his summer malaise, whatever it was. Nor is there any reason to doubt his intention to lead the Liberals into the next election. Above all, there is no doubt that he is the best man for the job provided that he still has the

Exaggerated hopes, excessive deflation

But has be? He was not only-? tired and nawell during, the T summer. He was also fed up, not the least with his party. Much of the trouble, I suspect, was that he and they were more disaped pointed than they should have the election results. They had exaggerated hopes are and consequently felt excessively deflated their thoughts a dwelt on how few seats they thave now in the new Parliament. rather than on the opportunity presented by the number of as votes thay have won. Even if its support was 3

inflated by tactical and protest voting, the Alliance did win only 22 2 per cent fewer votes than it Labour. That most give it as I chance. if Labour should serious oppostion to the Con-13 servatives. It may not be a greatica opportunity, but it is there all at

If it is to be seized, however, there will have to be a massive effort by the Alliance. Mr Steel is consions of being in a long-distance race. He feels the need to pace himself, and he is well aware that public attention is bound to be directed for a while more towards the new party leaders, Mr Kinnock and Dr Owen, simply because they are new in their posts.

More opportunity for SDP leader

These are all reasonable arguments for not pushing too hard too soon. Yet the life of the leader of a smaller party has to be one of unremitting effort. He has much less backup than the leader of a major party, but he usually has to do ration and a sense of strategy to his followers. It is bound to be hard for any man to maintain his pitch of enthusiasm high enough for long enough especially if the lights of office remain tantalizingly distant. So it is scarcely surprising if .

NIr Steel has lost a bit of his eian for the moment. This gives Dr Owen an additional opporfunity to provide de facto has performed well in the House of Commons and in the country since becoming leader of the SDP. But nobody can lead a team if he is not fully identified with it. Just as President Carter found that he could not run the Federal 'oi Government effectively so long as he continued to campaign against it, so Dr Owen cannot give the Alliance all the leadership it requires so long as he has a slightly semi-detached attitude towards it.

The Alliance needs the two ab Davids. If Mr Steel is not for a " while quite so energetic as he .;2 has been, perhaps this will in make his party appreciate how much it and the Alliance has ...q benefited from his strong qualicatership in the past. Some re times a leader needs to receive ,di as well as to give encourage-

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## Moderates see NUM poll as verdict on left

Labour Editor

Moderate leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers are turning next month's election for a general secretary into a test of rank and file opinion about Mr Arthur Scargill's left wing policies.
Mr John Walsh, aged 46, NUM full time agent for the

north Yorkshire coalfield, who has been selected as the standard bearer of the right, is campaigning on a ticket of negotiation not confron-

He said vesterday that the present pay dispute between the union and the National Coal Board could be solved by a compromise formula, which he will not disclose unless he is elected general secretary in the secret pit head ballot on January 20. Mr Walsh is fighting a three-

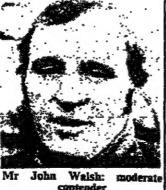
cornered contest against Mr Les Kelly, a branch official from Point of Ayr colliery, north Wales, and Mr Peter Heathfield aged 54, secretary of the Derbyshire miners, the candidate of the left and the favourite Mr Walsh, a former amater rugby league international, said: "I do accept that there are

occasions when you have to

fight and lose money. But if that

decision has got to be made then it should be taken not by

the leadership but by the



The winner of the election for general secretaryship will act in tandem for three months with Mr Lawrence Daly, who is retiring early at the age of 59 because of ill health.

Miners in North Staffordshire plan to defy their union's overtime ban next month and work normally (our Stoke on Trent correspondent writes). The potential split over the controversial ban follows the NUM's executive decision not to hold a ballot on whether to continue the action.

More than 40 winders who do maintenence work at six pits in North Staffordshire are ready to work a normal six day shift system from January 7.

## Intruder found twice at Spencer home

By A Staff Reporter The police were called in on

The police have tightened security at the former home of the Princess of Wales after the discovery of a man aged 21 in the private apartments of Lady both occasions but were satisfied that no criminal offence had been committed. At the family's request no publicity Spencer, the princess's step- was given at the time and the man was released.

The operation on Mr Ljung-berg was considered to be a

intruder had been found by a stood that the man, who has an member of staff inside Althorp obsession with Lady Spencer, House on December 10. A week aged 54, was found in her later he was discovered inside the grounds by the west lodge.

Mr Maurice Buck, Chief Constable of Northampton-shire, said last night that the further details, but it is under-

Nunn wins chess prize From Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent, Brighton First prize in the Computer nate for him. He needed a win

of seven out of nine. British players occupied the first four places. Final scores were Nunn 7, Short and Watson 6, Hodson 5, Westermen (Finland) 4½. Plaskett (England) and Mednis (USA) 4.

nament in Brighton was won on Tuesday by the English inter-

national grandmaster. John

The results in the last round were: Nunn ½ Plaskett ½, Ivanov ½ Westerinen ½, Hodgson 1/2 Mednis 1/2, Watson I Short 0. The game between Murci and Burger was unfinished but looked hopeless for the Israeli Short's loss to Watson in the last round was doubtly unfortu-

Games Ltd international tour- both to overhaul Nunn and to gain the seven points necessary for a grandmaster norm. This would have given him the title Nunn, with the excellent score of grandmaster as he already obtained grandmaster norms in

> win against Watson. He had black and played a French Defence to reach a wretched position. In his attempt to complicate matters he made his position worse. Intending to castle queenside he touched his king, then realizing that to castle he would have to break the rules and move across a line government by an enemy piece he promptly resigned.

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The police woman at the of a disciplined police force and decide on

working with married male colleagues last February, won her claim for sexual discrimiher claim for sexual discrimination and victimization at the Launay should have referred may send me to but obviously I London South Industrial Tri-

But, Mr Geoffrey Heggs, the chairman, declined to make an award for injured feelings and criticized WPC de Launay for not first taking her grievance through the police complaint

Mr Heggs said that the decision to ban WPC de Launay, aged 25, from her "posted partnership" with Police Constable Trevor Attofficer aged 31, was sexual problem.
discrimination, and her return We fi last October to foot patrol in Fulham, west London, was victimization.

proper was one we are included in and this would said said opportunity for he is their spirits after he He added that her transfer was a direct result of her complain to the Equal Opportunities Commission. "She was subjected to sexual discrimination and has made out her case on all counts", Mr Heggs said. He reserved the reasons for the decision.

Mr Heggs then made a statement, saying the case was of considerable public interest. The parties themselves are not they have handled the situation. Miss de Launay is a member

The police woman at the centre of a sex discrimination she saw the problem of a dispute won her case yesterday, but was severely censured by the tribunal chairman.

Women Police Constable the traffic dent Reian Wallace recording decide on what it continued dation should be made".

After the hearing WPC de Launay said that she was that it was a matter of genuine contempt pleased. "I feel that the hearing was fair and all that I wanted to come out came out. Wendy de Launay, the traffic dent Brian Wallace regarding I wanted to come out came out.

officer who was banned from discipline at the Hampton. She added: "I love the policy discipline at the Hampton, Middlesex, garage."

WPC wins sex bias case

against police but

the problem to the commander of the police of West division where I worked." or, if necessary, other senior officers under the orders and regulations,

tuted the proceedings without giving prior notice to Chief Supt vallace." he said.

Miss de Launay also insti-

justification for Chief Supt considered to be demotion and Wallace to discriminate against that is one of the points I her in the way he did, except field, an experienced traffic that he was faced with a general

consider the problem closely yesterday and seemed to have over-reac-

Mr Heggs said that the tribunal sympathized with WPC de Launay for the distress she had suffered from the sexual discrimination but it was not appropriate to make a compensatory award

He adjourned the hearing to give both parties time to "cool off" and the Commissioner time to consider returning WPC de Launay to the traffic division

when appropriate.
Mr Heggs added: "It might be a good thing if the dust was allowed to settle before we

is censured at tribunal She added: "I love the police force, but in particular the traffic police, I would like to go would like to remain in the area

> west London.
> PC Atticld said that he, too, was pleased with the result,"It The fact that her conduct has come out that if you are may be criticized is not a returned to foot patrol its The Metropolitan Police

would make no official com-We find that he failed to ment on the tribunal's findings Chief Insp Brian Corbett,

who first told Mr Wallace of a possible relationship between WPC de Launay and PC Attifield is no stranger to controversy at industrial tribunal hearings. Three years ago he was

involved in the hearing of Miss Maggie Coles, an LBC radio traffic announcer, who claimed, as one of several examples of alleged police harassment, that he had shouted a lewd remark at her while she was on the air.



Miss Coles won her claim for Duty calls: WPC Wendy de Launay, whose claim of sexual discrimination was accepted by a London tribunal yesterday.

## Costs disputed in shoplifting case

A magistrate refused costs to Tesco, the supermarket chain, yesterday when it dropped a charge against a widow, aged 73 - but he changed his decision after prosecution pro-

Mrs Hilda Cleavley, of Bentworth Road, Bethnal Green, had been accused at Thames Magistrates' Court of stealing groceries worth 22.74.
Mr Paul Jones, prosecuting, said Tesco would drop the

agreed and was bound over for one year. The magistrate, Sir Bryan Roberts, refused costs over 2

case involving £2.74. Mrs Cleavley said she had intended pleading not guilty and electing trial but accepted the binding order to avoid further pressure.

Mr Jones re-applied for cost, accusing Sir Bryan of issuing a thieves' charter and punishing Tesco for its compassion.

He argued that costs could be refused only if the pros-ecution had misconducted itself. He said the store detective saw Mrs Cleavley place goods from the shelves in her bag

After an adjournment Sir Bryan awarded £55 cost.

He said: "To proceed for £2.74 against a woman in her seventies who has been of previous good character for 21 years, was not, in my view, a wise decision."

A widow, aged 67, due to

appear in court yesterday on a theft charge was found dead at her home by a neighbour. A note at her side read: "No one loves me, no one cares, so goodbye."

Mrs Daisy Robbins, of Albert Street, Blandford, Dorset, had been accused of taking £1.20 worth of goods from a Keymarket store.

Her neighbour, Mrs Hazel Downes, said: "The note was carefully written. She didn't talk about the case but it must have been the last straw. She has been depressed since sh lost her husband a year ago."

Last night Mr Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leices-

ter West, - condemned the shoplifting law as "unworthy of

a decent society".

Mr Janner is sponsoring a
Bill to be debated in the House of Commons next month aimed at tightening control on shoplifting prosecutions.

## **Detectives praised for** not shooting gunman

Flying Squad detectives were praised by a judge yesterday for their restraint in not firing back at a "mad criminal" who was firing a sawn-off shotgun at

Judge Brian Gibbens told the Central Criminal Court that if they had done so people in the crowded Chapel Market, Islingion, north London, could have been killed. He congratulated Det Sergeant Kelly, aged 30, for his courage in disarming him.
James Daly, aged 29, of Mora Street, Islington, suspected of having IRA links, was jailed for

ing to rob security guards in Chapel Market and shooting

Daly, wanted for questioning in connexion with a £100.000 robbery in Dublin in which two policemen were shot, was also found guilty of shooting and robbing a security guard. Chris-



London.

The judge said that Mr Sanford, aged 28, had only survived because a doctor and

#### The cost of 2 damaged young lives

Two young men who are severely handicapped after being injured in road accidents were yesterday awarded damages in two separate cases in the

High Court. Mr John Fitzgerald, aged 20, of Canterbury Road, Morden, Surrey, was awarded £318,168 for injuries he received when a car in which he was a passenger crashed in October, 1980.

Patrick Mahoney, aged 17, or Clark Street, Whitechapel, east London, was awarded £204,930 after he was knocked down by a crash on a pelican crossing in August, 1976. Mr Fitzgerald was 17 when

he suffered irreversible brain damage which impaired his memory and concentration. He will never be able to go carpenter or enjoy table tennis and judo, at which excelled.

Mr Justice Park, who made the award, said that before the accident Mr Fitzgerald had been "lively, vivacious and enterpris-ing, had a pleasant personality and was a smashing kid with a lovely sense of humour'

Now he was only able to do simple tacks and relied on the devotion of his father, Mr Fredrick Fitzgerald, aged and in most respects would be helpless without him. When his father was no longer capable of caring for him he would need a full-time nurse, the judge said. The damages are to be paid

by the driver of the car in which Mr Fitzgerald was a rear seat passenger when it skidded, demolished a road sign and lamp post and then overturned in London Road, Morden. The driver, Mr Kevin White, of Chester Gardens, Morden, admitted liability.

Patrick Mahoney was 10 years old and on his way to swimming baths near his home when a coach struck him as he walked across the pelican crossing.

Head injuries initially left him totally paralysed but he has since regained some movement n his right leg and left arm. Mr Justice Skinner, wh made the award, said that Patrick was 25 per cent to blame because he

failed to look properly

The damages are to be paid
by the owners of the coach. Essex, who admitted liability.

## Costs inquiry urged | Duke seeks for universities

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

A Rayner-style inquiry into the efficiency of the universities has been proposed by Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education, at the direct prodding of the Prime Minis-ter, who is known to be dubious about their parsimony.

The proposal, to be discussed further next month by civil servants, the University Grants Committee and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP), is that a firm of outside consultants, such as Peak, Marwick and Mitchell, or Arthur Anderson, would look at the management of a number of universities.

The CVCP is most anxious that any such inquiry should be conducted under the aegis of not meet with government approval. Although the universities, which eat up £1,400m of public funds annually, are not shunning an inquiry, they do feel they have examined themselves rigorously in the past few years and have cut back as much as they can.

The idea at present is that the inquiry would look at whether the universities provide value for money, but it is not thought likely that staff performance or quality of research would be examined. Items such as estate manage-ment and building maintenance would be looked at, as would

There are known to be wide disparities in these ratios between institutions in the same subject. Mrs Margaret Thatcher is said to view the universities with some disfavour and to feel that they teach subjects which are not academically rigorous.

She is also understood to be impatient with the universities' pleas for money. There is no certainty, however, that an exercise of the kind Lord Rayner conducted in the Civil Service would produce recommendations for savings. It might say that aspects of the universtiy system were serious-ly underfunded.

The idea for the review which was raised at last week's private meeting between Sir Keith and the CVCP, will allocated by the universities. The decision-making mechan-isms of institutions will also come under scrutiny.

Mr Brian Taylor, secretary to the CVCP, said they were prepared for anyone to look at their efficiency, because they believed they were efficient.

But we want to find a way in which this can be done under the aegis of the universities" he said.

An efficiency survey of the universities would differ from revious Rayner-style inquiries in that it is felt it could not be carried out by civil servants. In order to carry authority with all concerned it would need to be conducted by a respected group of specialists from outside

#### Woodlands threatened

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent Britain's remaining ancient

woodlands are being destroyed at a rate unprecedented in

eacetime, a report published today claims. In some counties up to 60 per

cent of the semi-natural woodland cover has been removed since the war, a high proportion of that in the past 15 years. The report is published by

the British Association of author, Mr Richard Grove, says there is a deveoloping crisis in the relationship between forestry and nature conservation.

Decisions made in the near future will determine the form of the British countryside for a long time to come

The Future for Forestry (BANC, c/o Rectory Farm, Stanton St John Oxford, £3). Rhododendrons, for which

Snowdonia is famous, are choking new growth in woods and forests. The Snowdonia national park authority is sending leaflets to youth hostels and tourist centers explaining why it is necessary to keep the spread in check.

# Andrew Brown, aged 19, a

Two companies dominating the postal franking machin market. Pitney Bowes, of which Mr Denis Thatcher, the Prime Minister's husband, is a director, and Roneo Alcatel, are to be investigated by the Monmission following many com-plaints to the Office of Fair Trading. opolies and Mergers Com-

The investigation will also include Hasler (Great Britain), a subsidiary of a Swiss company, but Pitney Bowes and Roneo Alcatel, which are both foreignowned, together account for 95 per cent of franking machines in use in many companies to imprint postage values on envelopes to avoid the use of

Pitney Bowes is the British subsidiary of Pitney Bowes Incorporated in the United States and Ronco Alcatel is part of France's Generale d'Electri-

## return of heirlooms The Duke of Manchester

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yesterday won the first round of his High Court battle with his elderly stepmother for the return of missing family heir-looms. The Vice-Chancellor, Sir Robert Megarry, ordered an inquiry to find out what heirlooms are left and where they are.

The missing heirlooms, said to be worth millions of pounds, include paintings by Holbein and Van Dyke, and the Duke aged 54, claims them as his right under a family trust, set up in 1923 by his grandfather.

But the Dowager Duchess of Manchester, now in her sev-enties, and living in Eaton Square, Belgravia, claims that any possessions she has were inherited when the tenth Duke The matter was adjourned to

the new year for further argument. The case has already lasted 11 days. The eleventh Duke, who lives in kenya, was not in court. 1

#### Actor's claim for fees dismissed

Mr Leslie Phillips, the actor and star of many Carry On films yesterday lost his claim in the High Court against his former television agents Stella Richmond for £21,000 in lost fees. Deputy judge Sir Douglas Frank, QC, who dismissed his breach of contract claim also ordered him to pay the costs of the action, estimated at

Mr Phillips, aged 60. of Maida Vale, north-west Lon-don, said after the hearing: "I am very disappointed at the

#### Punks chop logs for old people

Out-of-work "punks" Guildford, Surrey, have got together with local police to help the town's elderly for Christmas by chopping and

distributing logs.

Police constable Daniel
Glover was impressed by his team's efforts: They are just ordinary people who express themselves by their appearance. and this example proves to others that they are capable of being very constructive", he

#### Youth accused of bomb hoax

despatch rider, was remanded on £500 bail until December 28 at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London yesterday, charged with making a bomb hoax call. The court forbade him to go within two miles of the street from which he is said to have telephoned.

Mr Brown, of Stainer Close. Sholing, near Southampton, is accused of telling police there was a bomb in Blackfriars on

#### Parking meters' £133m takings

British parking meters have taken £133,470,000 from motorists since they were introduced 25 years ago, the Royal Automobile Club says. According to a survey by the RAC, there were 52,720 meters in Britain at the end of March, 400 fewer than last year.

Operating costs have than doubled since 1978.

#### Fire risk claim over 'silly string' aerosol

By David Nicholson-Lord Many homes could face a erious fire risk at Christmas from aerosol cans of "silly string", a supposedly innocuous solvent-based streamer designed to make parties go with a swing. Tests on one brand indicated that, contrary to the producer's claims, it remained flammable long after being

Hundreds of thousands of

cans are sold. Concerne arose after a London businessman contacted The Times with details of tests on one brand, Swan Fun String, produced by Porth Textiles, of South Wales. Mr Ronald Collins, managing director of a telecommuni-cations company and a member of the Institute of Patentees and Inventors, noticed that the string turned brown and shrivefled when Christmas tree lights were switched on near it. When he applied a lighted cigarette to

it, it burst into flames and

dropped hot plastic on to his

Mr Collins, who has worked in fire testing, said: "People spray this stuff on to hair and ciothes as well as Christmas trees. But there is no warning on the can that it is highly inflammable."

Porth Textiles, Britain's biggest producer of decorations and plastic Christmas trees, was put into the hands of the receiver earlier this month with £8m debts. The company said yesterrday that the can carried the obligatory warning against spraying near a naked flame. Mr Evans, its quality control manager, said that string contained resins and solvent and might remain flammable for up to two hours while the solvent remained wet. After that it would become crumbly and non-flammable. There had been "no reports whatsoever" of fires involving

silly string. Mr Collins, however, has found that it was possible to set light to the string two days after it was sprayed.

■ Householders were also warned yesterday about dangerously high lead and chromium levels in paint on toys imported from Hongkong, Trading standards officers in Merseyside found up to 43 times the maximum safe lead levels on toy cars which bear the name

 Special precautions against extra fire risks at Christmas were called for yesterday. The Home Office advises householders to keep all decorations well clear of fires and lights check plugs and wiring and provide plenty of ashtrays.

#### **'Christmas** in custody' drink-drive warning

By Michael Horsnell The chairman of Grays

nagistrates in Essex, who have isiled 11 motorists for drinking and driving in the past week gave a warning yesterday that offenders could spend Christ-

one there's come spend Christ-mas in custody.

Mr Charles Noad, aged 63, a retired businessman, said: "We can not let false sentimentality stand in our way, despite the approach of Christmas. The fact that you are a first offender does not give you a licence to drink and drive and expect the courts to be lenient.

"So far as discrepancies are at the gravity of the offence and the alcohol reading. But it would be helpful if there were greater consistency throughout the country.
"Disqualifiction and fineing

were not having the required effect. We would like to stop it being respectable to drink and drive. It is a most anti-social activity which causes death and serious injury."

Earlier yesterday, David Jones, aged 21, was sentenced to two days in a police cell, fined £300 and banned from driving for 18 months by the presiding magistrate, Mr Geor-ge Walsham.

Jones, an electrician, from outh Ockendon, Essex. South Ockendon, Essex, crashed through a garden hedge after a Guy Fawkes party. An intoximeter showed that he had 63 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millitres of breath - the legal limit is 35

Jones, aged 47, said afterwards: "I think it is disgusting.

Admittedly he was over the limit, but not all that much.

The fine would have been quite

Earlier, Mr Walsham fined Mark Corthine, aged 22, a test driver for Ford, £250 for driving with 54 micrograms of alcohol. Corthine, from Stanford le Hope, Essex, was also disqualified from driving for 15 months.

He said afterwards: "The crack-down is diabolical. The police should tell people before they introduce these new

He said that the wide variation in sentencing by courts tempted more people to drink and drive. "It is important that the drivers know they will be imprisoned.

Mr Edward Taylor, Conservative MP for Southend East, called yesterday for the introduction of mandatory prison sentences for drink-drive offences (the Press Association · reports).

## Police chief guilty of 'kerb-crawling'

The head of Lincolnshire was not even aware that you fraud squad was bound over to had a red be of good behaviour for 12 Nottingham. months yesterday after being convicted of "kerb-crawling" in Nottingham's red light district.

Det Chief Insp Robert Warner, aged: 49, who had denied the offence at Nottingham Magistrates' Court, agreed to be bound over with a surety of

Mr David Blundell, for the prosecution, said that Warner was cautioned after approaching Woman Police Constable Janet Walker who was in plainclothes and on vice squad

duty in Hyson Green last Warner, a father of three, from Welton, near Lincoln, told the court that he had realized immediately that WPC Walker, aged 30, was a policewoman.

Mr Blundell said that Warner approached her and asked her how much it would be for "straight sex". But Warner said that he thought that WPC Walker had

he could help her. I was not kerb crawling in down the road slowly stopping Peace Act, 1936.

and starting.

"I did not know that Hardy Street formed a part of that red

light district. It was not signposted as a red-light district: these places never arc. man he said he was on his way

to visit in Ilkeston. Mr Dick Fletcher, for the defence, said that Warner was a man of integrity and honesty who had been awarded the police long service and good

conduct medal. Warner will face an internal police disciplinary procedure. and could be domoted or asked

to resign.

The head of the Lincolnshire CID. Detective Chief Superintendent Colin Bailey, told the court taht Warner was an excellent detective who could lose a pension worth tens of thousands of pounds because of his court appearance.

He said that Warner had been been attacked by a man in 28 years in the force and had 22 Hardy Street and had asked if months to go before becoming

The civil case was brought by the general sense. I was going police under the Justices of The

nd starting."
It followed a clampdown on
He said that he had lost his kerb crawling in Hyson Green way in Nottingham while during which dozens of motortravelling from Lincoln to ists were cautioned and brought Ilkeston. He told the court: "1. before the courts.

#### Park keeper saves child from sex attack 'menace'

years in jail for offences against boys was sentenced to another six years' imprisonment at the Central Criminal Court yester-

The woman park keeper who rescord his latest victim was praised for her "courage and quick thinking". Carl Lun-dbech, aged 48, whose longest period of freedom since he was first jailed has been nine months, was a menace to boys, Judge Nina Lowry said. Lundbech was convicted of

child stealing, and attempted gross indecency after an attack on a boy aged aine in Acton, west London. The child, Lundbech's 26th young victim, was snatched from the street as he went to a fish shop. Lundbech dragged him across a park and

into 2 lavatory. But before any sex assault could take place, the boy's cries were heard by Mrs Anne Ling, the park warden, who ran to his rescue. Mrs Ling, aged 48, comforted the weeping boy



Mrs Ling: praised in court.

when Lundbech fled. She remembered everything she could about the assailant and was able to pick bim out later at an identification parade.

Judge Lowry said it was "merciful" that Mrs Ling came on the scene and acted as she

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He was convicted of conspir-Det Kelly in the face.

**Doris Archer** 

dies, aged 77 By David Hewson

Gwen Berryman, the actress

who created one of radio's best-

actress

loved characters, the Ambridge matriarch Doris Archer, has died, aged 77, in a Torquay hospital.

Miss Berryman played the role for 29 years until ill health forced her to retire in 1980. The programme attracted a huge dience when Doris Archer died in an armchair in October,

1980, much of it a tribute to an actress who for millions made the character a real person. Mr Tony Shryane, who roduced more than 7,000 produced more than 7,000 episodes of *The Archers* from its start in 1951, said: "She made the character of Doris Archer a national figure, loved and respected by millions. She was a courageous women who, though often in considerable pain from arthritis, never let it interfere

In 1981 Miss Berry man was made an MBE



nurse were near by. He still had Frank Harris Coaches, of Grays, 90 pellets in his stomach. Guided buses recall age of the tram

By Michael Baily

Transport Editor

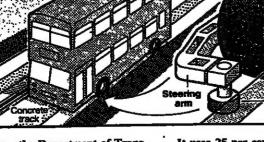
Birmingham hopes to launch a new age of the tram with a "guided bus" due to start in the wheels on rails, the otherwise conventional double-deck bus will run along a concrete track. Vertical parapets on either side will steer the bus by means of small guidewheels extending

from the front axle. A half-mile experimental track is being constructed along a disused tramway on the central reservation of a dual carriageway road in an inner suburb, and if successful it will be extended elsewhere in the The idea is to slice through

urban congestion at far lower

cost than a tram or light

railway. The city's earlier tramway system, abolished in the 1950s, was one of the finest in the world. At either end of the guideway, buses will simply drive on and off, continuing through the city in the normal way. A Obituary, page 12 special dispensation is needed



from the Department of Transport for the guidewheels pro-jecting three inches

A similar system, developed by Daimler-Benz in Germany, is operating in Essen and is being installed in Adelaide, Australia. Birmingham chose to develop its own system with the help of Metro-Cammell Weyman, and Guest, Keen, Nettlefold. Total initial cost is £500,000.

It has four advantages,

according to Mr Bob Crawford,

director of planning and engin-

eering at the West Midlands

Passenger Transport Execu-

It uses 25 per cent less roa space than a conventional bus route, because the guide system confines the bus to a limited track. That will be important if

the track, buses will not be affected by congestion. The raised guideways, about six inches high, will stop motorists wandering on to the track, as they do on a conventional bus-lane.

new guideways are built on congested roads. The reserved track will permit faster timings and improved punctuality. While on

Buses can be used flexibly on or off guideways, unlike trams.

#### Monopoly study into franking machine firms By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

postage stamps.

# Radioactive leak case referred to DPP

#### POLLUTION

The series of abnormal discharges of radioactive matter from the Sella-field plant of British Nuclear Fuels Ltd in Cumbria last month has been brought to the attention of the Director of Public Prosecutions with whom the Department of the Environment and The Health and Safety Executive are cooperating.

Announcing this in a Commons atement. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said the most important thing was to prevent the repetition of such an incident and both the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate and the DoE have notified BNFL of the further measures they wished the

Mr Jenkin added the people should continue to avoid the beach in the vicinity of the discharges for the

He said: During the six days from November 11 to November 16 a series of abnormal discharges were made from the Schaffeld plant of British Nuclear Fuels Ltd through the pipeline to the sea. The discharges followed the washing out of the reprocessing plant in the course of annual maintenance. Following a management error in

operation of that plant, radioactive liquids including solvent, and particulate matter of higher than normal activity were transferred to a sea tank. Attempts were made to transfer the more active material to another storage tank. This was only partially successful and a significant quantity of the radioactivity was discharged

The Radiochemical Inspectorate of my department and the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate of the Health and Safety Executive have been carrying out detailed investi-gations into the causes of the incident. Neither I nor the Secretary State for Energy (Mr Peter Walker) have yet received final

reports.
While it seems clear that there has been no breach of the authorised quarterly numerical limits on the discharge of radioactivity there may well have been breaches of other conditions namely those requiring exposures from discharges to be kept. It is also possible that there were some breaches of other conditions of the NII site licence. For these reasons the matter has been brought to the attention of the Director of Public Prosecutions with whom my department and the Health and Safety Executive are

Cooperating.

The most important thing is to prevent any repetition of such an incident. Both NII and my department have notified BNFL of the further measures they wish the company to take. The measures so the discharge of free solvent and an automatic cut-off system governing the discharge of liquid from the sea tanks. Other measures are in hand.

Extensive and continuing monitoring of the environment has confirmed that the risk of barm to the public was, and remains, extremely small. The Minister of Agriculture, Fisherics and Food (Mr Michael Jopling) is today answering a written question announcing the

tural consequences of the discharge. This shows that there has not been any significant effect on fish; ellfish or other foods. There is therefore no reason why people should not eat local catches or farm

Also published today is a report by the National Radiological Protection Board, prepared for my department, on the distribution and analysis of samples of seaweed and other flotsam collected from the beach ten miles either side of the

One conclusion of the report confirmed by separate analysis carried out by MAFF, is that the radioactivity in the samples was well below the level that would constitute any hazard to the general population in the area. The NRPB's main concern, however, is that anyone handling the more active samples taken from the beach could exceed the annual dose limit for the skin after only comparatively brief

direct contact.

It was for that reason that on November 30, my department advised the public to avoid unnecessary use of the beaches on this stretch of coast for the time being. Radioactive flotsam is still occasionally being found, so that it is not yet possible to withdraw that

It remains true that any risk of contamination to the public is extremely small, People should none the less continue to avoid unnecessary use of the beaches between St Bees and Eskmenis and should not handle objects washed up by the sea. Monitoring will continue and my department will keep the public fully informed.

This is an interim report which I have thought it right to make to the House before the Christmas recess. Radiochemical Inspectorate and from the Nuclear Installations



Campbell-Savours: Damage to tourist industry

Inspectorate should be published as soon as possible after they are received by ministers, provided there is no risk of prejudicing any legal proceedings. When we have the final reports I will make a further restaurant.

Dr John Cunningham, Chief Opposition spokesman on the environment (Copeland, Lab);. I welcome his decision to make what that the final reports of the NII and House and the country and, not least, for the benefit of my own ls he aware of the very real anger as well as concern which is felt by

the community in West Cumbris and indeed people much further afield about this incident which they widely regard as something which should simply not have happened. What has occurred calls into question the competence of the management at the plant. Does that not in addition mean that public acceptance of the operations of the nuclear industry has been unnecess

arily damaged?
Why is it that this eventuality—
the discharging error of material to
the sea—was not recognized when
the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate carried out their exhaustive examination of the Magnox facili-ties and the plant in 1980 and when they reported to the Secretary of State in 1981?

Is the Secretary of State, in talking about prosecutions, able to tell us whether it is that the company which will be prosecuted or which will individuals?

Since it is now clear from published information that BNFL have systemically reduced their discharges to the marine environment over a period of years, they are well capable of operating satisfac-torily within much lower discharge

discharges bring pressure to bear on the management to prevent this kind of occurrence happening

on the principle of discharges being as low as reasonably achievable. Is it not now clear from the public reaction and concern that we should move as quickly as possible to a situation where discharges are as low as publicly acceptable?

Does not that mean that

discharges of plutonium, caesium and other activides should be totally climinated as soon as possible? Mr Jenkin: We would of course entirely agree this is an incider which should not have happened and the most important thing is to make sure it should never happen

I also agree it is of the utmost importance that the public, both locally and nationally, should be fully confident in the management of these nuclear plants and that this is of the highest importance for the

Regarding, the competence of management, it would be better if I did not pronounce on that. We have not had the final report and the matters may well be the subject of proceedings in the courts.

He asked whether it would be the companies or individuals who would be prosecuted. That must be a matter for the DPP.

He asked me about the 1980 Nuclear Inspectorate's report on the Magnot plant. It would be wiser to wait for the publication of the final-report. On that I can offer him some reassurance. Although the House would agree, I han sure, that we should avoid projudice of legal proceedings and that should be an over-riding consideration the legal. over-riding consideration, the latest legal advice I have had has shown that that need not necessarily



Warren: Increased danger from sea spray .

prevent the early publication of the two reports.

On the question of lower discharge limits, from the first statement I made on the subject it is indeed our intention to work for substantials. seem appropriate we are certainly open to consider still further lower authorizations so this plant com plies and has to comply with the best world standards for the discharge of radioactivity.

Mr Kenneth Warren (Hastings and Rye, C): Would he ask the agencie concerned to look in particular a than current in the sea which results as radioactivity coming ashore from sea spray? Mr Jeakin: He will have seen a report in The Guardian commenting on research at Harwell which is being financed by my department. We have not had the full results of that yet but if this is a serious anxiety we shall take such steps as are open to us.

Mir Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab): If the Director of Public Prosecutions does recommend prosecution it will be a just return for BNFL for having pursued Green Peace for being in contempt of court which led to them being fixed 550 000 which the next in fined £50,000 which they could il

In my constituency great damage has been done to the tourist and fishing industries and would he consider the fullest compensation for all those who have lost?

The population of West Cumber-land will only be satisfied when the objective of zero discharge of radio active materials is fully realised even if the expenditure of this falls

dominated by extreme left wing Labour councils. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said during questions We believe in West Cumberland if we are to retain this plant then Government and Parliament must ensure that adequate financia so as to avoid all possible risks.

Mr Jenkin: The £50,000 fine on Green Peace is a matter between them and the courts. I remind him that the judge expressly said he intended to leave them with the ability to protest peacefully. It was a question ot trying to stop them interferring with the pipeline. What was really wanted was that interference would cease.

- Compensation is a matter which must await publication of the reports so we can see whether there is any case for that

As for zero discharge. I would no add anything to what I have already find about authorizations. The principle is as low as reasonably obtainable, if properly enforced and that is perhaps one of the approaches where a prosecution might lie, that produces an

# Effect of tour on Commonwealth

#### SPORT

The proposed English Rugby Union tour of South Africa would have damaging repercussions throughout the Commonwealth, Mr Neil Macfarlane, Minister for Sport, said during question time exchanges in the Commons. Anyone who underestimated the impact on Commonestimated the current situation, he

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C): asked him what recent discussions had taken place with the President of the English Rugby Union regarding the proposed tour to South Africa.

Mr Macfarlane: My officials and I with representatives of the Rugby Football Union. The President well aware of the Government's views on the proposed tour. Mr Carlisle: While appreciating his

obligation under the Gleneagles agreement to drop sporting contact with South Africa and his own anxiety to promote sporting contacts. acts with the Commonwealth he confirm that at the end of the day it will be the President of the English Rugby Union and his colleagues to decide whether they tour South Africa and not he? Will he promise not to put undue

essure or coercion upon them? Mr Macfarlane: The Rugby Foot-ball Union will decide in the spring of next year whether this proposed tour should take place next year.

J am in no doubt that the tour would have damaging repercussions throughout the whole Common-wealth. Mr Carlisle is entitled to his

**Pantomimes** 

among the

loony left

The nexus between rates and votes

had become pretty slender in some areas, which happened to be those

Dr John Cuaningham, chief Oppo-

sition spokesman on the environ-ment, had asked if Mr Jenkin was so

concerned about local account

case on local electors deciding for

and rates they should pay.

As he has talked about the impact of his proposals on certain inner city areas where the burdens and the

problems are largest, how does he

explain the position of the shire counties, of Buckinghamshire for

example, or the fact that his proposals will reduce the rate

support grant in Surrey by over £9m? Who is be punishing there.

and why? Mr Jenkin: It is all very well for

ratepayers, many of whom actually are exempt, from paying rates, to

It is the responsibility of this House to prevent the oppression of

ratenevers who have no vote.

bility why he was afraid to rest his

in the Commons about rate

RATES

wider context of sport throughout the Commonwealth in all this.

I will not speculate about what other may take place among the 50-odd delegates of the Rugby Football Union. People are free to travel and go anywhere in the world if they wish to participate but on this occasion I will wish to talk to the President of the RFU next year to ensure that they understand fully that at the recent Commonwealt Delhi we re-affirmed once again this country's commitment to the

anartheid in sport Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Laby: Apart from the mere verbal condemnation, what will he do about the proposed tour next year by the English rugby team and the current tour of Wales by the South African youth rugby team? Is it not time that the Government imposed a ban on such clear breaches of the Gleneagles agreement by the rugby Mr Macfarlane: I hope he will try to

maintain a little cool on this subject.
I regret that the Welsh rugby authorities have decided to proceed with this tour. I would urge them at this 11th hour to consider the wider implications for sport in the Commonwealth and Wales. The Minister of State at the Weish Office has urged cancellation of this tour in the strongest terms. The tour is contrary to the spirit of

the Commonwealth declaration of apartheid in sport. I cannot prophesy what I will say to the esident of the RFU next year. Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C): In spite of the supposed susceptibility of the

macceptable rate increases in some

parts of the country.
Mrs Edwina Curry (South Derby.

bench, including my fellow Liver-pudlian, Mr Eric Heffer, he would

like to nominate for the role of the

good fairy? Mr Jeakin: I would commend her

talents as a dramatist but there are

sadly a great many pantomimes going on among some of the loony left councils, not least Lambeth and

ewisham.
The Bill I published yesterday (on

rate capping) will bring some sense to those local governments who are bringing local government itself into

The Government's commitment to

rate capping was reaffirmed by Mr William Waldegrave, Under Sec-

retary of State for the Environment,

will regard it as a betrayal if we, or

Mr Geoffrey Finsberg (Hamps

during other exchanges.

penalize South Africa which after all is friendly to the West?

Mr Macfarlane: Perhaps he is not aware that just a few weeks ago the Prime Minister attended the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Delhi, The Commonwealth declaration on apartheid in sport was upheld by all members present.

Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP): The most evil form of discrimination is that which relates to the colour of skin. While people may change their religion or creed the one thing we cannot do is change the colour of

Stokes: South Africa friendly to West

pholding that is evil and should get

no support from any quarter. If the minister is serious about his disapproval of this trip, why does he not tell the English RFU that he will withdraw their passports?

and Construction, for confirmation

Mr Macfarlane: On the first part he had some credibility; but his final sentence is nonscrise. There is no l pake wins

kep spoils

statute by which ministers can withdraw passports, In this country we only under-stand multi-racial sport. I am told that in South Africa sport has made great strides in integration, but recently the Minister for Education

will remain segregated. That underlines the deeper problem. Anyone who under-estimates the impact on Commonwealth sport seriously under-estimates the cur-

there made it clear that school sport

Lab), for the Opposition: He has our full support. The attitude of the English RFU is extremely selfish. If they persist in this stupid tour they put at risk the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in 1986.

While we would not approve the withdrawal of passports, would be use his best endeavours to persuade the Sports Council to tell the English RFU that if they persist in this tour, no money will be forthcoming from the Council to the RFU?

Mr Macfarlane: These are impor-tant topics. Above all I would use all MPs to reflect upon fige importance of Commonwealth sport and Rugby Union football its major Commonwealth sport.

Royal Assent

The following Acts received Royal Assent Consolidated Fund: British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers); Petrolcum Royalties (Relief): Coal Industry; Staffordshire, and Milford

Judiciary 2

totally

#### shire O had caused laughter when she said the London borough of Lewisham had invested £100,000 of ratepayers' money in a commercial pantomime and then substituted for the name of the evil monster not that of Mr Ken Livingstone but Mr Norman Tebbit Secretary of State Entirely in the spirit of Christmas (she said) would Mr Jenkin indicate which of the Opposition front-

## tightened The Government is considering

hanges to the powers available to it to tighten up controls on the tipping of domestic and industrial waste on agricultural land, Mr Neil Macfar-Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, said during He admitted that although the

provisions of the General Develop-ment Order should be sufficient to control indiscriminate tipping of waste on agricultural land, there had been problem cases. Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove, C):

The welcome recovery from the recession has led to a most unwelcome resurgence in this and Highgate, C) had asked: Would he accept that millions of people activity. voted for this Government in order to bring in rate capping and they anxiety and has drawn to my attention a number of specific the Lords, try to repudiate it? Mr Waldegrave: He need have no

Abuses have been taking place and ment represented by the Bill will be we are having consultations on ways urried through to law.

Later Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab) asked Mr Lan Gow, Minister for Housing

that the Secretary of State did not intend to remove the vote from the disabled and unemployed as had been implied on the Jimmy Young they are 1880 ratio that morning show on BBC radio that morning, when the Secretary of State had compared their position with that of ousinessmen who, allegedly, did not have the vote.

Mr Gow replied that the allegation

## Controls on tipping to be

Mr Macfarlane: I am aware of his

of tightening controls.

I hope that carly in 1984 we will be able to tighten up sufficiently to

independent CIVIL SERVICE

The independence and loyalty of the

Civil Service was part of the constitution and the loyalty of a civil servant in a particular case was somewhat lacking and had been mes with dismissal. Lord Hallsham of Sp Maryleboue, the Lord Chancellor said at question time in the House of Lords.

Asked by Lord Molley (Lab)
whether the Covernment would
affirm the principle that the
judiciary should be totally indepen-

Sailsham answered: Yes. Lord Molloy: There are reports in Government have savaged this vital principle and that the Master of the Rolls (Sir John Donaldson) has een involved.

This is an extremely serious situation. The cries of consternation are not limited to the area of industrial relations,

Lord Hallsham: I do not think that will quite do. The Government has not savaged anything, not even Lord Molloy, (Laughter) The Earl of Lauderdale (C): Does not the great guarantee of the independence of the judiciary regit with the power of the Lords to vein the dismissal of any judge?

Lord Hallsham: This is not the only defence. This is applied to the higher judiciary where a resolution of both Houses is required. The independence of the judiciary sessional court. There I remain, the

ord Elwyn-Jones: While the the judiciary is of vital importance. is it not also important that ministers and civil servants should ake great care not to involve judges

Lord Hailsham: Yes, The independence and loyalty of the Civil Service is also part of our constitution and I think the loyalty of a civil servant in this particular case was somewhat lacking and has

Parliament today (9.30): Christmas adjournment debates on various

## Repatriation of prisoners

#### **HOUSE OF LORDS**

The Government had no intention of putting itself in a position where it could be browbeaten into an exchange of prisoners, Lord Elton, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, assured Peers during the second reading debate on the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill in the

House of Lords. The Bill enables the transfer of prisoners with their consent between the United Kingdom and

When fears were raised that terrorists who committed crimes in countries. Lord Elton said the Government intended that the

basis of decisions in cases where prisoners were not resurned.
Referring to the Harrods bombing, he commented: In recent horrific circumstances I do not think the louse need be in any doubt, where

e public interest lies. He pointed out that the Republic of Ireland was a member of the Council of Europe but had not yet ratified the convention which would allow transfers of prisoners between here and the republic.
The Bill was a humanitarian

measure commanding wide support. A person imprisoned in a country not his own suffered considerably more from his imprisonment than fellow prisoners who were natives of that country. The Bill would give wide powers to the Government to make special transfer arrangements with other countries.

The Bill was read a second time.

## Extension of right to buy

#### HOUSING

The Government's "right to buy" provisions have been extended to homes no longer required for operational purposes under a new clause and associated amendments added by the Commons to the Housing and Building Control Bill. Hitherto this right has only applied to tenants of district councils.

Moving the new clause. - which was carried by 262 votes to 151 Government majority, 111. Mr Ian
Gow, Minister for Housing and
Construction, said during the
Report stage that most country
council tenants held their properties
on tenancies let by countries for on tenancies let by countries for purposes closely related to one or other of their functions, for

example, police officers, wardens, caretakers, or dwellings let on a short-term basis prior to redevelop-

cluded in the 1980 Housing Act because of the supposed specialized buy would clearly not be appropri-ate. However, the Government had become increasingly concerned about the position of county council about the position of county council
tenants whose homes were no longer
required by their landlords for
operational purposes. There were a
significant number of these.
The amendments would provide
for the common treatment of county

and district tenants. It would bring county council tenants within the security of tenure and right to buy to most important safeguards on the operational requirments of

Exceptions to the provisions would be be police housing, where the tenant was a police officer and the house was provided free from rent and rates, dwellings within the curtilage of buildings held for non-housing purposes, such as schools. and those normally reserved for occupation on contract of employment but exceptionally let on a

temporary bases. Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said they and no objection to security of tenure being given to tenants of county councils with the exceptions which the Minister had sensibly put into the Bill. Where they differed from the Government was in extending the right to buy to

The new clause gave the right to buy in circumstances which could

be absurdly costly

## Call for regional bodies

#### LIBERAL BILL

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil L) was given leave in the Commons under he 10-minute rule procedure to bring in his Regional Assemblies (England) Bill which would establish regional assemblies in England. He said he must be one of the few MPs who sought to get elected substantially to reduce the influence of Parliament and hand back to the people of Britain the power to control their own destiny.

Increasingly over the past four years there had been a shift from local government to central government, and the influence of the Prime Minister and the great Civil Service bureaucracy had grown at the expense of local democracy and senuine participative democracy.

A free society and a strong democracy could only be maintained if it was founded on the principle that people had a right effectively to participate in the decisions that shaped their own lives - in the workplace, in the operation of the ballot box, and in the process of government itself. Alone of the parties of this House

(he said) we are prepared to say to the people of Britain we trust you not just to do what we say but to make your own decisions on your This Bill was the first part of a

great programme of reform the Liberals and SDP wanted. Its aim was no less than to make the powers of the British state weaker, in order to make the powers of the British people stronger.

The Bill was read a first time.

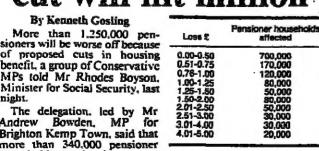
# been met with dismissal

## Tory MPs say housing benefit cut will hit million pensioners

More than 1.250,000 pensioners will be worse off because of proposed cuts in housing

Minister for Social Security, last The delegation, led by Mr Andrew Bowden, MP for Brighton Kemp Town, said that more than 340,000 pensioner households stood to lose over a a week and more than 200,000 over £1.50 a week:

130,000 of these in excess of £2 Mr Boyson promised to consider the group's represen-tations; the Government will have to lay regulations before the Commons after the Christ-



Mr Bowden is co-chairman of the all-party Parliamentary Group for Pensioners with Mr George Foulkes (Labour, Carrick. Cumnock and Doon Valley). It had written to the minister to say that the proposal would affect pensioners who had taken advantage of incentives to provide them with an



"When I've finished the

paper, I'll think about sending

money to the NSPCC."

The cuts were "a disincentive to save or to take up part-time work, or to contribute to an occupational pension scheme".

> lose entitlement to housing benefit could also lose the higher rate of home insulation Since receipt of benefit is a qualification for these grants, some pensioners would only be cligible for 66 per cent, instead of 90 per cent grants. Many of the 270,000 pensioner house-

> > proposed £230m cuts could also lose insulation grants. Community radio affected by grant loss

> > holds due to lose housing

benefit entitlement under the

Mr Bowden has also had new

information from the Depart-

ment of Environment indicat-

ing that some pensioners who

An experiment to make broadcasting more accessible to people, including community groups, will be affected by the withdrawal next month of funding by the Government's Manpower Services Comminssion (MSC). The MSC is to end its £37,000 grant, which paid for 10

community workers with Car-

diff Broadcasting, the commer-

cial radio station. The team ran

workshops throughout south

Wales, teaching broadcasting techniques and advising com-It also helped with the station's action desk, which offered information and advice.



move: Gary Kasparov, the chess grand master (standing), punches his move into an Acorn BBC Microcomputer in a simultaneous match against ten chess juniors at Acorn's London showrooms yesterday. While Peter Wells, aged 18, from Portsmouth, watches (Photograph:

## Charities' income soars

Charities are celebrating a bumper Christmas this year, with income well above last year's record. The British Heart Foun-

dation yesterday reported a

17.5 per cent increase on last our research facilities," foundation said. "We are funding 15 professorships throughout the country, as well as funding and encouraging research into all diseases of the

"Apart from research, part

of our budget goes to educate

doctors and the public on recent

advances in research and

heart.

people not to be complacent shout donations when they heard of this year's success.

occasionally we give life-saving cardiac equipment to hospitals in need The Cancer Research Cam-

paign said that takings were £3m up on last year and had passed £16m at the beginning of December. But a spokesman asked

"We are funding over 600 projects and we need every mny er can lay our hands on. A lot of volunteers work very, very hard up and down the country and we need money desperately for our escarch".

### **Spending** 'debate' criticized

By Peter Hennessy Sir Leo Pliatzky, former Permanent Secretary at the

Department of Trade, who ran the Treasury's spending div-isions in the 1970s, enticized the Government yesterday for failing to produce figures to back up its promised "great debate" on funding the welfare

Speaking at a seminar in

London organized by the Policy

Studies Institute Sir Leo de

scribed the Treasury's long-term spending review as "a dog that has not barked in the night". Neither Parliament nor the public had been given any data by the Treasury on which they could make an informed gment. The review had not been announced in Parliament: it had emerged after a non-attributable briefing to the Wes-

tminister political correspon-

dents by the Prime Minister, in what would have been called a leak if somebody else had done Sir Leo said there were three ways the review could be conducted, by a reviewed Think Tank, which he would not favour, as the Central Policy Review Staff had not worked; 1980's version of the Beveridge Committee could be convened which he did not favour either, Sir Leo preferred to strengthen

choices could be made. O The Government's war on quangos claimed \$2 victims last year, a cut of about 5 per cent.

the staff of the Treasury's

expenditure divisions to pro-

vide the Cabinet with more

briefing material on which

## Italian loses extradition. appeal on murder charges

An alleged international terrorist must return to Italy to stand trial for the murder of two Rome policemen, a High Court judge ruled in London yesterday.

Mr Justice Mann dismissed an appeal by Signor Luciano Petrone, aged 24, against a Bow Street magistrate's order for his extradition on the two murder charges and two counts of robbery. Signor Petrone, claimed by

the Italian Government to be a

member of an extreme right-

wing terrorist organization, was arrested last January at the home in Walton Street. Chelsea, south west London, of Miss Imogen Lucas-Box, his girlfriend.

After yesterday's hearing Miss Lucas-Box, aged 27,

pledged to stand by Signof Petrone. "I am very upset but I am going to talk to the lawyers to see if there is anything else we can do", she said. Signor Petrone already faced

erupts

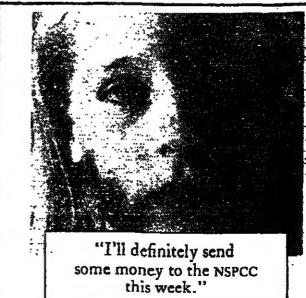
robbing the Italian National Bank, but, had the High Court ruled in his favour yesterday, the Italian authorities would have been unable to try him on be other counts. The judge heard that Italian police carried out a spot-check on a car containing Signor Petrone and two other men. Signor Petrone disarmed one

policeman and made no attempt

to intervene while another of

extradition on a charge of

the men executed the officers. The judge refused Signor Petrone leave to appeal to the House of Lords.



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#### **Duke wins** = battle to keep spoils of Waterloo

Brussels (Reuter) - The Duke of Wellington emerged tri-umphant from a new Battle of Waterloo yesterday. Senator Jean Humblet, a

Walloon nationalist, withdrew a demand that a 100,000 francs (about £1,250) annuity paid since 1817 to the heirs of the original victor of Waterloo should be struck from next

year's Belgian budget.
The present Duke said in England that the Senator's demand was "a perfect bloody

Senator Humblet retreated after being told by Mr Willy De Clercq, the Finance Minister, that it would cost Belgium at least 70 million francs (about £865.000) to settle the matter

The minister promised to "review the case, but added that a change would raise tricky issues of international law,

#### Royal plea for rare monkey

· Geneva - The Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the Worldlife Fund International. has appealed for the return to their natural habitat in Brazil of ·24 golden-headed lion tamarin. one of the world's rarest monkeys. The total population

idician

is estimated at fewer than 100. The 24 monkeys, now in the possession of a wild-life trader in Belgium, were smuggled out of Brazil, which strictly forbids their export. The Duke's state-ment issued here described the -affair as "scandalous".

#### Fined for ghost in plumbing

Regensburg (AP) - A West German dentist and his wife avere fined DM12.400 (about £3,200) for staging a poltergeist hoax. For several months an alleged ghost named "Chopper" insulted patients in remarks emerging from plumbing fix-tures in the dentist's office. The court ruled he was seeking publicity.

#### Desert attack

Algiers (AFP) - The Moroccan Army has launched a big offensive in the Western Sahara according to their Polisario Front opponents. More than 25.000 men, supported by armoured cars and aircraft were involved, a statement said.

#### Gang held

Catanzaro (AP) - Police arrested 51 people in a crackdown on organized criminal groups in the southern Calabon. The group alleged to be responsible for 31 murders, four kidnappings and other criminal activities.

#### Bus rescue

Vaduz (AP) - Liechtenstein has introduced cheaper bus fares to make public transport more attractive to those who use the 13,498 cars in the principality. The aim is to reduce the damage to forests caused by pollution.

#### High notes

Perth (Reuter) - An English entertainer, Peter Maxwell, is claiming a world altitude record for piano playing in a hot-air balloon after going through a medley of old favourites at a height of 5,926 ft.

#### 10 women shot

Ankara (AP) - A farmer in Alibeyli village, east of Ankara, yesterday shot and killed his wife, three daughters and a woman relative and wounded five women neighbours. He then fled.

#### Volcano erupts

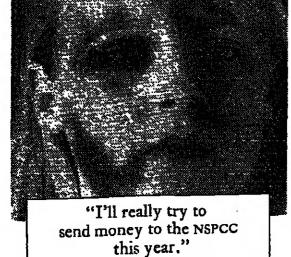
Tokyo (AP). - Kusatsu-Shirane (7,095ft): 50 miles north-west of Tokyo, erupted vesterday for the third time this year. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

#### Siege broken

Khartum, (AP)-The Sudanese Government claims its army has broken a rebel siege of the southern town of Nasir, killing 480 rebels. The attack on the town began last month.

#### Correction

French embassies, not to the Israeli embassy as reported on December 14. There is no Israeli embassy in



#### President's first press conference since Beirut massacre

# Reagan says Marines will stay

From Nicholas Ashford

The nationally televised press Reagan held at the White House on Tuesday night has under-scored the growing concern both within the Administration and among the public about America's role in Lebanon. It was Mr Reagan's first

formal press conference since the bombing of the US Marine headquarters in Beirut on October 23 which killed 241 servicemen. Almost two-thirds of the half-hour press conference was devoted to this tragedy. When and under what cir-

cumstances would the 1,800 marines be withdrawn from Beirut reporters asked the President. What exactly was their role now that there had been several direct exchanges of fire between US and Muslim orces? Would military heads roll because of the lax security at the Marine headquarters at the time of the blast?

Mr Reagan, who appeared festivally cheerful but whose stumbling replies betrayed a certain discomfort at having to weave his way through a minefield oľ. politically questions. dangerous partly succeeded in allaying these concerns

He reaffirmed his determination to keep the Marines in Lebanon because the region was too important to the security of the West "to just turn away". The Middle East was a tinderbox, he said. "the one place that could start a war that nobody

Ex-guerrilla

arrested

on return to

Argentina

From Our Correspondent Boenos Aires

Señor Ricardo Obregón

Cano, a former leader of the

Peronist guerrilla group, the Montoneros, has been arrested

after returning to Argentina

from exile to announce the dissolution of the organization.

Señor Obregón Cano, who was Governor of Córdoba province during the Peronist Government in 1973, said the

Montoneros would in future pursue their left-wing ideology

through a Peronist-associated political party.
He was arrested upon arrival

from Brazil on Tuesday, after

eight years in exile, on charges

including illicit association and

verbal incitement to violence. He was accompanied by Señor

Montonero leader and Peronist

governor of Buenos Aires

province, who was not arrested.

decree last week calling for the

trial of seven suspected terrorist leaders, including Señor Obre-gón Cano, for their part in the bloodshed of the past decade. It

is not known if the charges

against Señor Obregón Cano stem from the presidential order

The decision is believed to

have been an attempt to offset

the political repercussions of a

simultaneous decree ordering

nine former military to be court

The Montoneros group was originally formed by right-wing nationalists in 1969

The Montoneros burst on to the Argentine political scene in

1970, when they kidnapped and

murdered General Pedro Aram-

buru, one of the leaders of the military regime which had overthrown President Juan

During the early 1970s the group adopted a left-wing ideology and recruited mainly

young, middle-class Argentines

With the return of General Perón as President of Argentina

in 1973, the Montoneros en-

tered into bloody conflict with

armed right-wing sectors of the

Peronist movement who had links with some military and

The Montoneros' subsequent

part in killing hundreds of

military and police personnel was used as a justification by the military for the 1976 coup

against the constitutional

Government of General Perón's

The latest military officer to

be charged with human rights violations during the seven years of military rule is former

President Reynaldo Bignone, less then two weeks after he formally handed over the

Government to civilians.

widow, Señora Isabel Perón.

Perón in 1955.

police officers.

or previous litigation.

President Alfonsin issued a

Oscar Bidegain, a



Reagan: Cheerful mood, stumbling replies.

Chaffenged to explain a

recent remark by him that the Marines could be pulled back if

there was a total collapse of

order in Lebanon, he admitted

that he had used "a had choice of words". He had simply been

referring to a hypothetical

that perhaps there were a complete change of course to

However, the President said

Army.

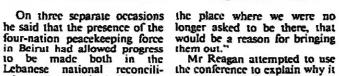
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long overdue visit.





the conference to explain why it was necessary for the Marines ation talks and in building-up the strength of the Lebanese to be in Lebanon. Although his explanation was somewhat muddled and at times inaccur-However, despite his contention that domestic American ate, he did manage to get across the message that their mission was to help bring stability to Lebanon, at assist President Gamayel to bring about the withdrawal of all foreign forces. politics would not have any impact on his policy towards Lebanon, he failed to dispel the widely held view that the Marines would be withdrawn well before next year's presiden-The President parried ques-

tions about a highly critical report by a House armed services sub-committee into the Bierut bombing which stated that "very serious errors of judgment" by senior officers on the ground and up through the chain of command, had left the Marines vulnerable to attack.

He did, however, speak in support of General Paul Kelley, the Marine Corps Comman-dant, who was accused in the the Foreign Office by surprise



Signor Spadolini: Careful choice of words.

congressional report of intentionally putting forward misleading evidence to the sub-

Mr Reagan defended the recent US-Israeli agreement on strategic cooperation saying that it was simply a realfirmation of a long-standing relationship which should not alarm the Arab world.

This assurance has been accepted by the leading moderate Arab country, Egypt, whose Foreign Minister vesterday delivered a message to Mr Reagan from President Muba-

 LONDON: Sir Geoffrey Howe will make his first visit to the Middle East since becoming Foreign Secretary earlier this year. Egypt and Saudi Arabia will be the main stops on his itinerary, (Henry Stanhope writes). News of the trip leaked into

concluded.
Mr Richard Luce, Minister of

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State with special responsibility for the Middle East, has made two tours of the region since the British election last June which included Syria, Lebanon and the Gulf.

A visit by Sir Geoffrey himself has been long overdue.

But other issues, particularly the EEC budget, have had to take Syria and Lebanon are the

most surprising omissions from the tour, particularly in view of current fears over the safety of the British contingent in the Beirut multinational peacekeeping force. As it is, Sir Geoffrey will bre

going to the two leading moderate Arab states, leaving Mr Donald Rumsfeld, the US special envoy in the region, to represent the Western interest to the "frontline" governments.

ROME: A date is awaited

for the withdrawal of a part of the Italian contingent in Lebanon after the Government's decision for a gradual reduction was announced on Tuesday (Peter Nichols writes). Senator Giovanni Spadolini,

the Minister of Defence, made his statement in reply to parliamentary questions on the Lebanon crisis. He was careful to ascribe the decision to a situation now requiring fewer troops on the ground than had been the cause earlier.

The first phase had now assed and this, combined with good military plauning, meaut a partial withdrawal was feasible.

#### Christmas in Bethlehem

## A shortage of good will to men

Surrounded by an over-whelming majority of Jews and Muslims, Christmas for Christians in the Holy Land the place where it is all began in a Bethlehem manger - has taken on a beleaguered air, redeemed more by the authenticity of the locations rather than any inspirational quality they may still possess.

Bethlehem, sometimes re-ferred to grandiosely as "the

Sheffield of Palestine" because of its preponderance of small workshops, is now watering its seventeenth successive Christmas under Israeli military occupation. As choirs from such unlikely spots as San Antonio and the Rand Afrikaans University burst into song during the televised celebrations, several hundred heavily armed Israeli soldiers will be on duty.

This year there will be an added sense of urgency as a new right-wing Jewish terrorist group, calling itself "Terror against Terror" (words which form the Hebrew acronym TNT), has recently launched a sinister campaign of boobytrapped grenade attacks against religious targets. Al-though christian pilgrims have complained bitterly in the past about the distinctly unseasonal feel brought about by squads of Jewish soldiers swinging their Uzi sub-machine guns, they may find their presence a distinct comfort in the circumstances.

Already this year Bethle-hem's Arab University has been temporarily closed by military edict after a fierce anti-Israeli riots, while the town's main Palestinian refugee camp has been the scene of repeated, ugly stoning attacks against Jewish vehicles. Many of its inhabitants now fear that the Government is working secretly to shift it from its present site straddling the main road leading to the largest Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba.

In case such grim matters should be conveniently overlooked in the spirit of the festive season, Mr Elias Freij, the town's portly and astute Arab Mayor, is on hand to provide the stream visiting journalists with a Christmas message subtly laced with the complexities of West Bank

When I visited his ornate town hall, he was standing on the balcony telling ABC television about the urgent need for Jordanian-Israeli peace talks, while correspondents from Newsweek and US News and World Report Hovered in a room near by. the time for talking about peace is already past five Bank are aware that very soon they will have nothing left to talk about". Back in Israel proper, the

second most favourite Christmas site of Nazareth has also been experiencing problems which speaks little of peace on Earth or good will to men. On Monday Mr Moshe Arens, Israeli's Defence Minister, told a parliamentary committee of his shock at recent statements by Jewish residents of the exclusive new suburb of Upper Nazareth denying the right of Israeli Arabs from the original section of the town to live among them.

The campaign to keep the area exclusively Jewish is headed by a local association whose aim, in the emotive words of one Israeli journalists, is to maintain their area of the biblical town Araberfrei. In an effort to counter any criticism from Christian institutions, the Jewish National Fund every year performs a service not encountered in most Christian countries by

handing out free more than 3,000 Christmas trees to diplomats, journalists, church-men and the host of United Nations peacekeeping bodies based in the area.

#### Tomorrow: Christmas in America

Although the gifts are in fact well-appreciated and the cause of ribald comment as they are transported through the streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, where for most residents December 25 will be just another working day.
Other traditional customs

abound, although most of the do-it-yourself basis that is the best guarantee here of a satisfacory result. Due to the rash purchase three years ago of a remaindered. Taiwan-made plastic Santa Claus suit ("ideal for office party fun"), these for me now include a regular appearance before a large gathering of young children anxious to know why (a) Father Christmas has appeared from a flat sunroof rather than down the nonexistent chimney and (b) whether he feels as hot as he looks, sporting a thick, ersaiz cotton beard in temperatures of 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

But all-in-all, the abounding Christmas mood in the cities that the carols were written about is one of austerity combined with aprehension about the immediate future. especially the prospect of a new Middle East war.

Christopher Walker

## 'Mad' superpowers denounced

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Presidents Reagan and Andropov 10 join other members at a summit meeting of the Security Council and reverse the arms race, which he said had gathered an irrational momentum of its own, going beond the control and will of either side. "I plead with you, stop, and stop now,"

Anglo-American relations between thr two were "just excellent".

OTTAWA: Opponents of cruise missile testing in Canada

nuclear war.

atomic war.

\$10,000 by some accounts - and

a series of private screenings were arranged. The audiences

included members of the Polish

General Staff who approved the

idea of showing the film to Poles. Special video recordings

were presented to the government spokesman and presum-

ably found their way to General

Wojciech Jaruzelski, the head of

But on Tuesday, the decision

Supreme Court has granted and increase the risk Operation Dismantle, a coalition of anti-nuclear groups, leave to appeal against an earlier decision by the Federal Court which upheld the Government's right to autho-

Unless stopped by the courts, the US Air Force will begin testing cruise in north-west

rize the testing.



with you, stop, and stop

An impassioned plea for the are going to have their day Canada late this winter. Oper-inited States and the Soviet before the country's highest ation Dismantle says the tests inion to draw back from court (John Best writes). The will contribute to the arms race

 BONN: Mr Peter Varkonyi, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, told Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his opposite number here, that Hungary regarded the Stockholm disarmament conference as very important, and he gave a clear hint that he would attend the opening on January 17 (Michael Binyon

During talks which dealt largely with the security situation in Europe after the breakdown of arms negotiations, Mr Varkonyi said his country wanted to see a continuation of détente and good relations with West Germany.

 GENEVA: The controversy on deployment of cruise and Persbing 2 is marked by "lack of rational argument and too much emotion", Dr Joseph Luns, the Secretary-General of Nato, said yesterday. He was answering questions at the Geneva Diplomatic Club (Alan McGregor writes). Poles will not see 'Day After' film

#### first from the three Western May death

## confirmed by judge

From Our Own Correspondent

Dr Alessandro Jacobone, the judge investigating the Jeanette May case, gives no credence to allegatons that she and her companion, Gabriella Guerin, could still be alive and in Latin Reports that they might not

have died will appear this weekend in a Milan publication. Jeanette May and her friend vanished from the town of Sarnano in November, 1980. Two bodies were found in January, 1982, at Podalla, near "The one certainty we have is

that the death of the two women took place at Podalla and the remains found there were those of the missing women," Dr

Jeanette May's identification was certain and the body was allowed to be cremated, he said. In Gabriella Guerin's case, the present tests were aimed at removing any possible doubt.

The judge said there was no truth that investigators had been sent to track the women down in Latin America.

A new inquiry was opened a year ago into the deaths. The judge refuses to comment on what progress he has made,

#### From Michael Binyon, Bonn allies, but they have already The West Berlin Senate does

For the first time since the Second World War, West indicated agreeme The urban railway, once one of the most advanced and extensive in West Europe, is in a sorry state. With brokendown stations, old coaches and dangerously decayed bridges and track, traffic in the Western sector has all but come to a standstill, and only

> After the war the allies, dministering Berlin as a single administering bertia as a single unit, gave control of its railways to the Eastern sector. After the building of the Wall in 1961, West Berliners boy-

cotted the system. Trains continued running, though no East Berliners were allowed to travel beyond the border into West Berlin. No modernization or repairs were carried out by the communist authorities, bowever, and the S-bahn lost a

three lines are functioning.

not intend to restore the whole of the derelict network, which is no longer necessary as the underground system, built up and administered by the West Berlin authorities, is already adequate.
Of the 47 miles of track still

in use, only about 25 miles will eventually be used for passenger traffic, according to the Senate's plans, and repairs to these lines are to start

The total cost is enormous: DM253m of it will be made available to Berlin by the Bonn Government.

The East Germans are estimated to make a loss of about DM100m a year on the S-bahn at present. In 1980 they tried to dismiss scores of West Berlin employees of the system, which provoked a strike that the communist authorities were able to break.

## Cash for Nazi conscripts

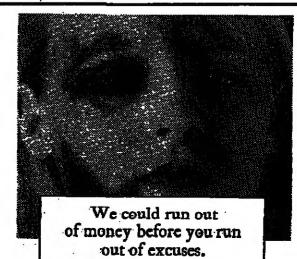
Mainz (AP) - Thousands of from a DM250m (£62m) fund. Frenchmen forced to serve in the German Army during the Second World War are to be compensated after France's decision to return German owned land seized in 1944, officials said here yesterday.

Some 60,000 Frenchmen who were impressed into the Wehrmacht from the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, or their relatives, will receive payments

The money, provided in the 1984 budget passed this month by the West German Parliament, will be transferred to the "Endowement for German-French Understanding" in Strassbourg in three stages. The foundation will decide how to distribute the money to the surviving soldiers and relatives

of others forced into German

uniform, the officials said.



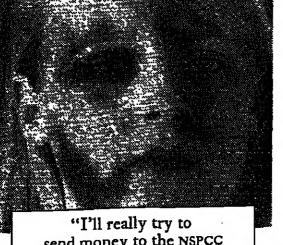
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donation to the Nation how much you send; the money will be used to give the chance of a normal childhood to children who've never had one. Dr A. Gilmour, NSPCC, 30324 67 Saffron Hill, London EC:N \$R\$



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Protesters in Damascus were barred



# Bouncing back: Bob Hope, flanked by actresses Cathy Lee Crosby (left) and Ann Jillian, before leaving California for the

Middle East, where he will entertain American servicemen. The comedian has been heavily criticized recently over the collapse of the Bob Hope British Classic golf tournament.

Fear of nuclear war

United States and the Soviet Union to draw back from nuclear confrontation and return to the negotiating table was made by Señor Jorge Illueca of Panama, the president of the United Nations General Assembly, as he closed its 38th session. He told the two sides to

end their "madness". He also renewed an appeal to

Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the US representative, took a more optimistic view. She had particular kind words for the alliance: emphasizing that, despite divergences on some votes, including the Falklands and Grenada,

Señor Illueca: "I plead

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw After weeks of backroom ganda specialists had studied prepared for the "complex plitical wheeling and dealing the written transcript of the situation". political wheeling and dealing the written transcript of the the Polish authorities have film. The film includes referdecided against showing The ences to a mutiny within the Day After, the controversial American television film about East German Army and it is made clear throughout that the war has broken out because of

For some time it seemed as if Soviet aggression. One of the final scenes, in the Government would conwhich the voice of the President found Western critics of the film by giving it prime time treatment on Polish television, is heard to say that the Soviet treatment on Polish television. Union suffered equivalent thus demonstrating that War-damage to the United States, saw Pact countries were also was seen as particularly contro-capable of informing their versial particularly sensitive to versial, particularly sensitive to public about the hazards of socialist audiences. The US network ABC offered insisted that the film should be the film to Warsaw for a shown with the full text, relatively small sum – under without censorship. The only

> Tuesday were a group of invited Soviet journalists. Rumours persist that Moscow, too, is at least considering buying the Meanwhile, for the first time, the commander of Poland's air defence forces, General Longin Lozowicki, has revealed what "counter-measures" Poland is planning to the stationing of new cruise and Pershing miss-

without censorship. The only people to see the film on

"Advanced electronic equipment and in particular radio-

location stations and automated systems for transmitting radar information - all this ensures conditions for the successful execution of the tasks of the missile forces and air defence interception." he said in an interview with PAP news

The point was, he said, to speed up the Polish response to a Western attack and this required both coordination with neighbouring Warsaw Pact countries and efficient use of automated defence systems. MOSCOW: Broadcasting sources said yesterday that talks between ABC and the Soviet

had been going on for several weeks without success. There was now little chance that the film would be shown in Russia

authorities over The Day After

(Richard Owen writes). The film has been seen widely in the higher echelons of the Soviet political and military elite, sources said, but the against public screening was iles in Western Europe. Air Kremlin was against allowing made, apparently after propa- defence equipment is being ordinary Russians to see it.

# West Berlin gets back on the track

Berlin is about to gain control of the surface railway in the Western half of the divided city. After two months of tough negotiations, the city authorities are on the point of signing an agreement with East Berlin to take over the derelict and bankrupt S-bahn, administered until now by the East

Under the agreement West Berlin will pay a yearly rent of DM9.5m (about £2.43m) to the Reichsbahn - the pre-war name for the railway system that is now run under the same name by the communist authorities – and will administer the 90 miles of line in West Berlin territory as a separate unit.

Permission for the new arrangement has to be obtained

# Sweden defies US pressure to return seized computers

This could include a ban on

the export to Sweden of US high

technology needed for Sweden's

new let fighter, a project on which could depend the sur-

ival of the country's indepen-

capable of guiding missiles, was

From Christopher Mosey Stockholm

Sweden yesterday nervously defied the request of Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, that it hand over more than 40 tonnes of American high technology impounded on its way to the Soviet Union.

After a report yesterday by the War Material Inspection Board, which stated that computer equipment in various containers seized by customs men here over the past month could have a military use, the Mr Palme. A middle way out: Government announced last night that the equipment would be kept in Sweden indefinitely.

**EEC** helps

blind to feel

their way

From Ian Murray Brussels

The EEC took time off from

its wrangling yesterday to promote a scheme which shows that the Community can do

something important success-

fully. It is a scheme to help the 500,000 blind or nearly blind

people living in the Community to find their way around.

Essentially it is a system of creating town maps which can be read with trained fingers.

Pressed into heavy-duty plastic these maps allow blind people to find their way round a strange city without the need of

a guide or for asking the way in

The idea is more than 20

years old, but it has been slow

to make progress because of the great difficulty in agreeing on standard symbols all blind

people could understand. It was

to overcome this problem that the help of the European

The result was a symposium

in Brussels six weeks ago, which

resulted in that rare EEC

commodity - total agreement.

The symposium's report notes modestly: "Never before in this context had such complete harmonization of divergent

within the space of three days."

systems has been adopted by the EEC, though many of the

basic signs which have been worked out in a trial project in

Nottingham, have been accept-

ed now as the European norm.

Dr Graham James, director of

mobility aids in Nottingham, was able to point out many of the basic difficulties - such as

how to make sure the map was

Investigators into the alleged Bulgarian connexion with the May 1982, attempt here on the

Pope's life have agreed to allow Mr Sergei Ivanov Antonov to leave prison while, remaining under house arrest, on the

November, 1982, and has been

in Rome's Rebibbia Prison

without trial while the investi-

At the time of his arrest he

been examined by Italian and Bulgarian doctors, on several occasions. An examination at

the weekend showed him to

have lost 22lb and be suffering from psychic disturbances as

well as gastric problems. For some time be has shown signs of deep depression. The Bulgarian Embassy has undertaken to see that Mr

Antonov will not try to leave

He was arrested after

Mehmet Ali Agea, the Turkish

terrorist who shot and nearly killed the Pope, had named his as one of his fellow-conspira-

Former Korean minister may get 10 years

Seoul (AP)-The prosecution yesterday demanded a 10-year

sentence for Mr Yoon Ja Jdong, the former Transport Minister, and terms ranging from one to

Korea's biggest bank scandals.

tycoon, in return for favours.

on various charges.

Mr Kim be jailed for 15 years

Cabinet member from Presi-

dent Chun Doo Hwan's govern-

ment to be indicted on eriminal

Mr Yoon was the first former

gation proceeded.

held the correct way up.

An amalgam of different

Commission was sought.

a foreign language.



The move is understood to contemptuously: "How is it that

Yugoslav

has £4bn

art hoard

Zagreb (AFP) - Yugoslavs

have just learnt to their surprise that in a socialist

state, an individual possesses a

private art collection valued up

to £4,140m, the equivalent of one third of the country's entire

foreign debt. Mr Ante Topic-Mimara,

Many envious art critics,

country. He discovered many of

Italy shows mercy to ill Bulgarian

ished without trace.

own private affair."

another theory.

The move is undesstood to have been prompted by annoyance among. Mr Olof Palme's Cabinet at the intense pressure put on Sweden to return the equipment to the United States.

This was brought into the open at a press conference in Washington on Monday, when both Mr Weinberger and Mr Donald Regan, the Treasury Secretary, said Sweden should send back the computers to the United States, their country of origin.

On the same day the Soviet press agency Novosti issued as contemptuously: "How is it that some people give way so easily to American attempts to dictate policy to an independent nation?" Must the Swedes really in tall business deals he supervised by instructions from the USA's Defence Department?"

Under pressure Irom both with the ship lust seven minutes sides, Mr Palme yesterday opted for a middle way out of the dilemma, chosing to assert Swedish neutrality while at the same time bowing to US containers of equipment from the west German port of Hamburg. Four more containers staved on board the Elgaren and were at Helsingborg where they were on board the Elgaren and were at Helsingborg where they were on board the Elgaren and were at Helsingborg where they were on board the Elgaren and were at Helsing been landed at Helsing borg last month from the Swedish cargoship Elgaren.

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One of the options being Inspection Board, which has to considered by the Swedish approve all arms exports from Government is that the equip. Sweden

Further finds of related ment be destroyed. However, the move has been postponed because of feared American economic retalistion. equipment were made at Malino and Stockholm, and another case of computer equipment was impounded by the Finnish authorities at Helsinki airport, indicating the extent of the high-technology smuggling operation.

According to Swedish cus-toms, the man behind the dent aerospace industry. It operation is Herr Richard
Muller, a West German
businessman. In 1981 Her
Muller was blacklisted by the
US authorities and recently in
Lubeck he was charged in his could also mean a ban on the projected sale to Sweden of Sidewinder missiles. The computer equipment, which US officials claim is absence with illegal export of sent to Sweden in various consignments, the main one high technology.

@ DENVER: Customs agents closed in on companies in Colorado and West Germany yesterday, arresting two people and scizing "critical" tech-nology alleged by bein sold illegally to the Soviet Union

(AP reports).

Among the items that the International Consulting group of Englewood, Colorado. is accused of selling illegally to the Russians are devices used to detect and measure nuclear explosions and another used to etch microcomputer chips.





## Managua believes it has beaten Reagan

aged 86, was for many years a close friend of Marshal Tito. His collection of 3,864 items includes a staggering number of paintings attributed to such masters as Goya, Holbein, El Greco, Manet, Michelangelo, Raphael, Rembraudt, Renoir, Rubens, Tintoretto and Titian.

faced with such treasures, claim that most of them are fakes. But other art lovers have long been forecasting a Christ-mas offensive, apparently against the key economic objective of the Nicaraguan coffee harvest. The contras we understood to have been told by Washington that a dramatic They point to the fact that in 1948 Mr Topic-Mimara was put in charge by Tito of finding and returning art treasures stolen by the Nazis during the success was needed if CIA wartime occupation of the financial backing was to con-

them stored by the Allies... Sources close to the junta said 2,000 insurgents was a Several art critics here bave wondered whether Mr Topiclarger and more concentrated Mimara's collection contains force than the contras had items seized from the Yugoslav previously marshalled. royal family and rich Yugoslav

Senor Roberto Sanchez, the businessmen which have van-Nicaraguan Army's spokesman, told international volunteers, told international volunteers, sincerity, they found attitudes who have arrived in their hundred. The Contadora countries made it man the confere. The danger is every-His answer to all his critics is a defiant: "I'm not a thief. and the way that I have collected my art treasures is my where. The zone of combat is The Yugoslav authorities

appear not to be worried about the origins of the Topic-Mima-ra collection. They have just spent 500 million dinars (about £2.75m) - in a country where there is not much loose cash about - on refurbishing a seventeenth-century monastery to house the collection temporlaunched a big offensive to breather".

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One Sandinista source said the nine-man junta was convinced that the conflict would occur while one of them was out of the country. The days of maximum danger were held to be in early December, when Senor Daniel Oriega, the junta coordinator, 1987 December, the junta coordinator, 1987 December, Venezuela and Panama, the four countries of the Contailora peace group.

When senior US diplomats in the region voiced profound scepticism of the Sandinistas'

where. The zone of combat is virtually the entire northern that the United States had been successfully out manager ried diplomatically. Stings with an an arrival arrival arrival tanks leaving the capital by night on the northern highway, Commander Wheelock said: "The immediate task is to deliver a strategic blow to the counter-revolution. We have launched a big offensive to breather".

# Chile 'could Ray of sunshine for go way of disillusioned Spain Nicaragua'

Missiles and mistletoe: Father Christmas visiting a Rapier anti-aircraft sale for the Falklands with a sack of gifts for the crew (from left) Gunners Kelvin Radio Kintra

Welsh, Andrew Griffin and Sergeant Philip Morris.

resulting from 30 percent unemployment is going to get worse, and every day, make a more explosive situation which could turn into a process similar to what happened in Nicara-According to the 45-year-old economist, former employee of

The blackout which left much

of Chile without electricity for several hours last week - those responsible have yet to be found has raised fears here that the

country may be in danger at a

leftist upheaval similar to that

in Nicaragua. The fears are

based on the scope of terrorist

acts in the past few months and the Government's rigid deter-mination not to quicken the

pace of a return to democracy.

democratic process along the lines of Argentina is quickly coming upon us, and it is this which those in power do not

wish to understand." Senor

Ricardo Lagos, president of the influential Democratic Alliance,

told The Times in an interview.

"If a democratic 'opening' doesn't come quickly in the

"In Chile, the deadline for a

the United Nations and leader of the largest opposition group Turkey arrests groups sectors from the right, Social Democracy Christian Democracy and Socialists).

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From Our Correspondent

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At about the same time as the Ankara blast, two stignment as the Ankara blast, two stignment as the possibility of armed revolution.

Pretoria

tries to

charm its

enemies

The meeting between Mr. Pik Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, and senior

Mozambique minsters in a royal guest house in Swaziland

on Tuesday has strengthened

the view that Pretoria's uneven

approach to coexistence with its black-ruled neighbours as enter-

ing a concidentity phase.

The meeting came only a week after South Africa's offer

to begin from January 31

disensaging those of its forces which operate from time to

Schor Felipe Gonzalez the Spanish Prime Minister, arrived back here yesterday from a lightning trip to Paris, where he differenced the problem of Spani's application to look that Spani's application to look that President Mitterand.

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## Briton's bedy in Seine

Paris (Resign) Was been the missing British and the

near a French Navy shipyard in Brest, in Brittany, on December 2. He had also disappeared

contacts. Among those arriving at Harare last Sunday was President Kaunda of Zambia. whom the Zimbahweans criticized last year for meeting Mr P. W. Boths, the South African

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hostility to Pretoria, SAA is not permitted even to overfly. let alone land, in the vasi majority of African States. As a result, the flights to London have to go round the western leg of Africa over the Atlantic.

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The Bulgarian connexion: Mr Antonov at the time of his arrest in November last year

taken on whether Mr Antonov should be charged formally and sent for trail.

His release means he will not be at Rebibbia on December 27, when the Pope visits the prison. The Pope intends to have a private talk with Ali Agea during the visit.

On Tuesday the Pope received a group of prison chaplains and talked to them

amazement at the length of time the prisoners could be held while awaiting trail.

over lunch about the Italian prison system, as preparation for his Rebibbia bisit. He is understood to have expressed

te is essed four people.

The bombings came after an off are announcement on Teestiany local night by the mattel less state of the American Officers Course and the American Officers Course and the American Officers Course and the Transfer Cultural light and the Transfer Cultural light state in the American poor of train.

## Moscow fears bloody Afghan anniversary

The Soviet and Afghan authorities in Kabul are steeling themselves for what they fear may be a spectacular demoncoincide with next week's fourth anniversary of the 15 years for 21 other defendants Russian-invasion.

in a trial arising from one of According to well-informed Mr Yoon, a reured air force Western diplomatic sources, the capital has been uncannily quiet chief of staff, was accused of receiving 81.8m won (£70,000) during December. This conin bribes from co-defendant, Mr trasts sharply with the situation Kim Chul Ho, a leisure industry in recent months when the mujahidin staged frequent attacks, often with mortars and The prosecution asked that rockets, on targets like the Soviet Embassy. Radio Afghanistan and troop headquarters.

fighters may be using the full to and buses and check the



military operation to mark next Tuesday's anniversary. There have been several reports to this effect, the sources say.

In response, the authorities have tightened already stringent security precautions throughout the city. Road-blocks have been The sources believe the rebel set up in key areas to search cars infiltrate the city, ready for a big identity papers of pedestrians.

two soldiers, captured at the beginning of the month, are allegedly being held by insurgents. The rebels are negotiating with the authorities for their release in exchange for five people arrested in 1982 for

In mid-December, according unable to force a withdrawal.

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found in the state police said yesterday.

Mr. Graham, aged reported missing tonoch. Paris hotel on November 19.

Identification of the corpse was difficult, but it was wearing a wrist-watch identical to one owned by Mr Graham and card from his hotel was would in the clothes.

Police were trying to find our whether Mr Graham's dealled was linked to that of Nial Campbell, an ICI economics expert who was found drowned near a French Navy shipyard in

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SAA jet had disclosed that he

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## **SPECTRUM**

# A bumpy ride to fantasy

## The Times Profile Roald Dahl

Now 67, Dahl's life parallels in a

curious way two strands of his fiction.

a young air attaché in Washington, was

such an astonishing success that he became frequent guest of Eleanor

Roosevelt and FDR at the White

House. This useful entrée was ex-

ploited by the boys at Whitehall who

But his life also suffered blows from

His seven-year-old daughter con-

tracted a rare form of measles and

died. His young son was hit by a taxi in New York and suffered brain damage.

had many operations on his spine, a legacy of his plane crash.

Fantasy is very

different

from fiction

Storytellers are proud and rather defensive craftsmen. Says Dahl:
"Novelists write from personal
experience which they then just

fictionalize, all of them, without any

question! But we are talking about

admit to any inellectuality. So a blow

on the head is a more satisfactory

literary source than Belloc, which did

book that gave him the creeps was Can

Such Things Be? "Quite a good title,"

Dahl said, with envious approval.

And Ambrose Bierce. The first adult

influence him.

made him a spy - on the Americans. And he married a film star, Patricia

particularly malicious fate.

Roald Dahl told me that what made author, and much of the casual's him a writer was a most monumental authority of the officer class. bash on the head ("we had been delving for literary sources"). Before that he had been a square young It was full of adventure and scrump-businessman working for Shell, "going tious surprises: a 15-page children's businessman working for Shell, "going tious surprises: a 15-page children's around with a furled umbrella, wearing story. The Gremlins (he invented the a hat and things". But then came the word), published in 1942 while he was a hat and things". But then came the rude conversion.

There was a silence in his sunny, low-ceilinged Buckinghamshire farmhouse while I digested this tale of the unexpected. One clock went tock-tic, tock-tic with the deliberate malicious advance of one of the characters in his adult stories about to brain someone with a frozen leg of lamb, or inexorably Neal. swelling with treacherous geniality into a loathsome human bee. But another clock went tickety-skippety, tick-toc, tick-toc like James whooping it up on The Giant Peach or Charlie skipping about the Chocolate factory.

For more han 30 years a renowned and the story of Dahl's long struggle to author of macabre short stories - Kiss help Patricia Neal recover from two Kiss, Some Like You - Dahl is now massive strokes is well known. He's also one of the world's leading writers of children's books. The Giant Peach had a successful run as an opera at Covent Garden: The Chocolate Factory was made into a film with Gene Wilder, and two more, Danny the Champton of the World and The BFG. will go into production soon.

His latest book, The Witches, was published recently. It blows the whistle on modern witches who look just like your schoolteacher or respectable aunt. but secretly they are bald, their spit, is blue as bilberry, and to the little boys smell of dogs' droppings, fresh dogs

Could such a persistently fertile imagination have been induced just by a bash on the head? fantasy, which is very different from fiction." Children's storywriters, per-

Oh, yes, he said. He had been in the RAF, in the war flying out of Libya in a haps mindful of the severity of their Gloster Gladiator and it had hit the shrill-voiced clients, would not like to ground at 200mph, bashing his head off the reflector sight and flattening his nose. Having until then produced only dogged schoolboy letters, his first letter home from hospital was brilliant. He was a writer. A squashed one, but a

Dahl is a very tall man with some of the stooping, anxious courtesy of anxious courtesy of "The real stylistic influence was playing a children's Hemingway," Dahl said. "The short



Dahl pensive: "The real stylistic influence was Hemingway." Photgraphs by Suresh Karadia

"That is an odd story," he remarked,

"I think you can't help that after a

time. Unless you are doing a P. G. Wodehouse. There is an enormous difference between a child who is

primarily innocent and an adult who

has become venal and greedy and

everything else. You know as well as I

that most adults are not very likeable

people. I mean, Christ, we wouldn't

have six wars going on right now if

they were. They are not likeable

entered by Dahl recently with cata-

strophic results; political controversy.

Asked in August to review God Cried, an account of the Israeli invasion of

Lebanon, for the Literary Review, he

plunged into a headlong attack on all

Israelis, and to many it appeared an

This brought us to the new field

almost as if he had not written it

himself. "It's an anti-human being

adults?

sentence, use of adjectives. I knew Hemingway well.

"The great maxim he gave me was 'When you are going good, stop writing'. Terrific, because then you can pick up again. Old Hemingway gave me that advice and said it was his invention and I told it to Henry Moore invention and I told it to Henry Moore who doesn't live far from here, in Hertfordshire, and I said this must be the same with your work when you are going good, chipping away at whatever. "Exactly" he said. 'But it wasn't Hemingway,' he said, 'I've got the book by my bed'. So the old boy went up to his bedroom, upstairs two at a time and brought down Conversations with Goethe. Goethe had said the same

He smiled at the notion that this trade secret was shared by so many disciplines and generations.

"I don't know where my ideas come from. Perhaps my Norwegian back-ground is an influence. Plots just wander into my head. They are like dreams, one is terrified of losing them. Once I stopped the car and got out and wrote a word or two on the dust of the boot lid so I wouldn't forget an idea."

He spoke of the difficulty of writing

children's stories, of getting it right.
'My theory," Dahl said, "is that by the time a person becomes skilful enough at his writing trade he is usually in his 30s and really has forgotten what it's like to be a child. He has lost touch with it even if he had got children of his own".

How did you manage to keep contact? "Oh I'm a bit of a jokey fellow you

know, childish on one side of me." The characters in Dahl's adult stories are vengeful creatures, generally scoring over the other moral lepers. In one, "Pig", an innocent young man, a

lapsed vegetarian, is slit up for sausage

'Shove them all in the dock with handcuffs

Dahl still gets abusive telephone calls. School librarians have written to say they have taken his books off their shelves, and he showed me a letter from a Leeds councillor who had sent back his child's copy of The Enormous

A close inspection of Dahl's review, entitled "Not a Chivalrous Affair", reveals a curious stylistic affinity with his children's stories. It is in fact a tale of a chivalrous young airman - Dahl

himself - flying over Lebanon and allowing young ladies in white dresses down below, drinking wine with their pilot boy friends, to run for cover before straffing the enemy airfield. Then when the Israelis plunge, without chilvary, into this same territory 40 Unlike children's stories which are full of exuberance and optimism, is Dahl expressing a kind of disgust with years later they must be routed like the

witches. Exuberantly! Indiscriminately! "Shove them all in the dock with handcuffs on! You will become violently anti-Israeli when you read God Cried. You simply won't be able to help yourself", he wrote.

Dahl, the fiction and the fantasy writer, had refused to observe the conventions of international political debate.

Why not? "I don't care about them. You don't do things by halves."

He said he was "cross and angry" that people should accuse him of anti-Semitism. "I am not in the least anti-Semitic. And there is nothing racialist in my books,"

But didn't he appear to be inviting the Arab nations to rise up and

annihilate Israel? 'I should have said that the Israeli Labour Party was violently against this, and given them credit for it, But it was written so fast and so emotionally. But that's beside the point. The fact remains that there were about 24,000 people, mostly civilians, killed in that war. I am angry that you cannot protest against this kind of thing without being called anti-Semitic."

He pointed out that his story Genesis and Catastrophe" was "a cry from the heart" at the bitter irony that

in the Schiklgrüber family Adolf was the one male child who did survive. He has now turned to less explosive matters: he is working on sketches of

his schooldays. Peter Lennon

The Witches is published by Jonathan Cape

## *moreover...*Miles Kington In 1980 the BBC dipped into its pocket with reckless abandon and sent seven journalists across the globe to make Great Railway Journeys. I landed up in Peru, where I spent a lot of my time thinking that the behind-the-scenes drama of making a TV film was better value than what got on the screen. Brian Thompson landed up in India, where he must have had exactly the same notion as he chugged up and down the sub-

continent, because he has now written a play called *Turning Over* which is all about a film crew and a presenter who are sent out to India to make a programme. It's currently on at the Bush Theatre, very funny, very well acted, etc (which I can safely say as I have never met Mr Thompson). But the curious thing is that the day after I saw it, I flew out to Jordan for four days with a BBC film crew and spent most of the time wondering if I was in real life, television or a Brian Thompson play. I wasn't really with a film crew, I suppose, but following one, I've become involved with a programme about the making of the latest David Attenborough natural history epic, and the Attenborough outfit were on their

Gripping

on TV

the Attenborough outfit were on their very last foreign location trip after three years of rushing about. No wild life was involved, oddly enough. They wanted to film the earliest settlement of man they could find. There were four possible candidates as sites: two in Iraq and Iran and thus too dangerous, one in Turkey but totally unphotogenic and one in Jordan. The trouble with the Jordan one was that nobody knew much about it except its name. Beidha, and the name of the woman who discovered it in 1956 and excavated it. Diana Kirkbride. Was it worth going out to film? The producer's answer to the problem, which would never have occurred to me, ws to ring up

The answer was a massive Yes, so much so that he promptly decided to ask her out to be standing side by side in a rocky valley in the Jordanian desert last Tuesday, watching David Attenborough squat in the 9,000 year-old ruins.

Diana Kirkbride and ask her: it is worth

These neolithic men", he told the camera, "found that instead of wandering in search of crops, they could keep the seeds and scatter them on the ground to grow next year. They had turned from being nomads into farmers . . . "

Hold it", said Dicky, the sound man.
"We're getting birds."

You wouldn't think you could get sound pollution in the desert, but there above us, high over the cliffs, wheeled four or five ravens making barsh black noises. We shouled at them to go away. We told them we were the BBC and ordered them shut up. We threatened them with David Bellamy. It was then the Diana Kirkbride turned to me and said: "I don't know anything about television, but it does seem odd that wildlife can be such a nuisance to people making a wildlife

Odd is not the word. The only reason I was there was that I was making a TV programme about the making of a TV programme. The only reason that nobody has heard of Beidha is that Diana Kirkbride does not seek publicity - in other words, nobody has ever made a TV programme about it, or her. The only reason we didn't continue filming when the ravens finally flew off is that the Bedouins' sheep and cockerels than started making a noise - there was a Bedouin encampment right behind the archaelogical site, with herds of goats coming and going like commuter trains. The Bedouins represented a far more ancient way of life than the one we had come to film, but we were not there to film them or ravens or Diana Kirkbride, so we didn't. Given the chance, I think I'd film Diana, especially after I overheard her say: "Cole Porter came to see us when we were excavating Petra, and we got him up the cliff but we couldn't get him down again. Wheel-chairs are very tricky on cliffs."

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# Alan Franks discovers how the admen tune in to your wallet

# Jingling all the way to the bank

In the beginning was the carol, which begat the jingle, which begat colossal revenue for the manufacturers of cigarette lighters and Cyprus sherry. If that is a simplistic, not to say profane, version of how the season's advertising melodies came into being, remember that carolling is in essence the selling of a message, and some of the most enduring of the species are those with what is nowadays called a good hook. That may not be a phrase which would have sat easily in the vocabulary of a Stanford or a Holst, but the impulse to wrap an idea in a cadence was there none the less.

Whether you are celebrating the nativity, or a more tangible form of consumer durable, tunes are a vital ally. Small wonder then that the airtime occupied by jingles on television and radio increases by up to 20 per cent at this time of year. Contrary to popular opinion, the writing of these mini-numbers - few top the 40-second mark - is not so much a licence to print money as a punishing exercise in compliance with the demands of hi-tech production.

One of our leading jinglers, Richard Harvey, who has done much for the image of a certain tender-fresh coconut confection in a rich chocolate coating, describes the collaborative process like this: "Mostly the writers get copy from the advertising agency and say it's a load of rubbish which should be rewritten to scan. Then the agency says it must have all these words in because that's what they've agreed with the client. And after that, a fight tends to occur."

The fight is usually fierce and furious, the client's unwieldy package of key selling words versus the composer's already dented selfrespect. It is deep in the heart of these brawls that the reason can be found for the relentless duplication of ingles. It is not that the composers are second-rate backs incapable of invention - quite the reverse - but that there is just half a minute in which to set a nearly uniform



number of words to music; hence the repetition of shape and tempo. Knowing that George Martin, whose arrangements gave the Beatles such sophistication, has a few skeletons jingling in his musical cupboard, I asked him what it took to succeed in the form. "It's all a question of using a tiny number of notes for their most immediate impact," he said. And then he started humming:

Murraymints, Murraymints, too good to hurry-mints . . . that for me remains the best of all time. Yes I know, I'm rather old. It was written by a chap called Johnny Johnson, who's even older than me." Then I hummed: "Why make haste when you can taste the hint of mint in Murraymints," and he said, "There you are. See how it stays in the

I had to put the heretical question whether Paul McCartney, his most famous protégé, was now or had ever

been a member of the jingle-writing fraternity. "No", came the reply, "but he could unquestionably write them if he wanted to." Martin was too loyal to suggest that in fact many of Paul's hit records sound like glorified jingles, but a strong case could be made for the comparison. It

proves the point that there is a bond between the jingle and the single, with the difference that the former is harder to bring off because of the intense compression demanded: theme, middle eight, reprise, all within a sixth of the compass of a standard 45 release.

Fourteen years ago, Martin and an American asssociate started a jingle agency called Air Edel, which now has a select band of 14 composers on its books, with dozens more ringing up every week, asking to be taken on. Maggie Garard, the managing director, boasts that, between them, the members of the team can come up

with almost any style, from punk (for a certain bank that likes to say yes) through to light classical (for a sound system manufacturer with showjumping connexions) and vox huma-na (for a chocolate bar with bubbles

In an industry which has seen nothing but growth from the first days of commercial TV, it sounds as though there should be rich pickings for the composers, but earnings can be little more than peanuts in the jingle. On a flat rate basis, the writers can expect from £500 for a single tune to about £5,000 for a scries. As Maggie Garard points out, you cannot forecast the catchiness of a jingle until it is launched.

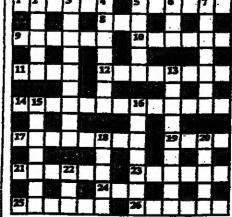
At this point she too started humming: "Cook, cook, cookability, that's the beauty of gas . . . that's a very good example of one that turned into a long-runner. It started as a Middle of the Road arrangement, then we had the Suzy Quatro version, and now the Vivaldi. All the same

One thing for which the jingle receives scant credit is its influence on "legit" pop; this sector borrows hooks and learns techniques from its mini-cousins in much the same way that the film industry benefits from

In some instances the jingle can even burst from the chrysalis and become a hit in its own right, the most famous example being Roger Greenaway's "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," which started life as a hymn to the merits of an American fizzy drink with world sales.

The form can also be splendid training ground for composers of more substantial music. Howard Blake, whose excellent album for children, The Snowman, has just been released, will not thank me for reminding him, but there is a certain light ale for whose popularity his music must take much credit. I can only hope he is so hard at work on an oratorio for Placido Domingo and the New York Philharmonic that he will not be reading this.

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In the Dorian Mode
By Brocard Sewell
(Tabb House, Padstow, £18)

Dowson's) in the style of the French symbolists; a hanger-on of Wilde's, and possibly the model for the Dorian Gray of Oscar's novel. John Gray of Oscar's novel. John Gray anyway made the most of the past century are finally assembled, among them will be park, John Gray's "fantastic story", a short and dreamlike

Dowson's) in the style of th story, a short and dreamlike Edinburgh: no ordinary priest novel of extraordinary brilbut a priest of an almost liance, in which the hero, Dr legendary decorum whose genumungo Park, dies and reawakes flexion at the words "Et and seems to find himself in an incarnatus est" in the Creed England of the future inhabited was, agreed the experts, a lesson

ated fully. But Brocard Sewell's Cafe Royal society and the Life is a very good beginning a most fascinating story sympathetically told.

Sophisticated friendships with sophisticated friendships with In the 1890s John Gray was a such esoteric couples as

forting the mourning, and by way of relaxation playing golf with future bishops at St Andrews, which he once said, surely in a moment of euphoria, competes with Jerusalem as a place I would choose to end my

Dominating Gray's weird story, and the link between his lives - lives which at first sight have little meeting-point at all -is the dark, svelte, foreign figure of his life-long friend Raffalovich. Marc-André Raffalovich, a rich Russian Jew brought up in Paris in intellectual circles, a homosexual, the author of Uranisme et Unisexualité, was, like Gray himself, a convert to Catholicism. He followed Gray to Edinburgh in 1905 and established a regime of characteristically perfect taste and order in his house in Whitehouse Terrace, near Gray's Rectory in Morningside, a haven of culture in the Scotland of the time. His famous routine of Tuesday dinners, Sunday

detailed book abounds,

Gray may or may not have been Raffalovich's lover (just as

John was possibly but not quite definitely Dorian). Such conundrums, though in their way undoubtedly intriguing, end up by not appearing especially important. For what comes over strongly is a clear and moving sense of the enduring and indeed the redemptive possibilities of friendship quite apart from niceties of its sexual expression. The relationship between Raffalovich and Gray in its Edinburgh days was in fact extremely formal, a set exchange of visits beetween 9 Whitehouse Terrace and John Gray's study at the Rectory. Sunday night was Whitehouse Terrace night. A friend remem-

Most Sunday evenings after a cold supper the front door bell would ring, and a few moments later the parlour-maid would open the drawing-room



## Tales of Abbot's

Ale Greene King By Richard G Wilson

(The Bodley Head & Cape, £10) It is generally a bad sign when you are reviewing a book if you fall asleep with the volume open in your hands. I am sorry to say that this happened to me twice in the course of reading this sound account of the East Anglian brewers, Greene King by a lecturer in Economics and Social History at the local University. No, I had not been drinking "Abbot" or "IPA", two of the strongest ales made famous by this splendidly independent outfit; it was just that some of the finer points of malting, mashing, marketing and mergers' expounded here failed to absorb me as I had

Nothing wrong, you understand, with the genre of company history (I once earned crust enting a weight of a Lancashire paper mill) nor is this anything other than highly competent or scholarly, but its subtitle ("A Business and Family History") led me to expect rather more in the way of human interest. Presumably as an act of family picty, it has been brought out by two publishing houses associated with the Greene dynasty. Sir Hugh (chairman of the brewery 1971-78), whose biography was recently published by The Head, is certainly enjoying a good innings this

Greenes, like their infinitely richer Irish counterparts the Guinnesses (with whom they are connected through Sir Hugh's first marriage), afford another example of the classic progression from business and money, to titles and land, and then activity in the arts. The brewery was founded at Bury St Edmunds in 1806 by a draper's son, Benjamin Greene who went on to become a slaveholder and a newspaper proprietor. One of Benjamin's sons became an able Governor of the Bank of England; another, who was the first chairman of Greene King (merged in 1887) became an MP and was the father of a landowning baronet fond of hunting shooting, yachting and practical jokes. Benjamin's youngest son, a hopeless failure, was the grandfather of the great Graham who shared with his brother Hugh "a long held interest in sampling the beers of different breweries". GG is not the only novelist to be produced by the dynasty for Christopher Isherwood's maternal grand-

mother was a Greene. In all fairness, Mr Wilson writes well about the various characters, not just Greenes, involved in the story - though as a Yorkshireman he cannot resist digs at "paternalism" and has plenty to say about our changing drinking habits. The business side, however, is weighed down by technical details and statistics. One shares his relief when he chances on such items as the litigation over the overflowing urinal at the "Cock" in Castle Camps.
A worthwhile book? Up to a

pint, Sir Hugh. **Hugh Montgomery-**Massingberd

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## Getting id and ego right

Freud and Man's Soul By Bruno Bettelheim

(Chatto & Windus, £6.95) "Freud," wrote Thomas Mann writes a highly perspicuous prose. He is an artist of thought, like Schopenhauer, and, like him, a European author." Bruno Bettelheim's brief, perspicuous and important book

humanist, philosophical tra-dition. The Greek psyche is the German Seele which the English standard edition refers steadily to as "mental life". Freud, Betelheim suggests, "chose the term (Seele) because of its inexactitude, its emotional resonance."

Bettelheim examples of words where James Strachey coined new Greek - or shows how Freud's English Latin - derived terms to



Madonna and Child by Andrea della Robbia in the Metropolitan Museum, New York, from Carols for Christmas, compiled and arranged by David Willcocks (Gollancz, £9.95).

"science" and played down its come from current, colloquial humanist, philosophical tradition. The Greek psyche is the German Seele which the English standard edition refers steadily Schoulust, pleasure in looking, desire to see, becomes "scopophilia". "Parapraxis" translates a witty word made by Freud from two others. Fehlleistung, from Fehl, an error, Leistung, an achievement; a "mischievement" as Walter Kaufman suggested. The Greek words

and distance descriptions

of behaviour or feelings which in the German are still close to

actor and observer, or patient

Perhaps the most pervasive cultural influence of the translation has been the Latinizing of Freud's "three provinces of the apparatus of soul." In German these are Ich, Es and Uber-ich, rendered by Bettelheim I, It and Above-1, and by Strachey as ego. id and superego. Bettelheim objects to these last on both therapeutic and larger aesthetic grounds. In therapy, he says, people say, and should say, "I am trying to understand why I did this." Not "My ego is trying to understand why I did this." In Freud and the Future

Thomas Mann spoke of a Freuci in the tradition of Goeths Nietzsche, Schopenhauer, His formal, convoluted, complicated tribute plays on the word "I" or lch throughout. He speaks of the "ancient I" das antike Ich of an Alexander, who was a God, of a Napoleon who "I am Charlemagne". "Not", Mann repeats, "I re-semble" or "I recall" but "Ich bin 's." Mann's peroration bin 's." Mann's peroration treats of what Freud has revealed to us ourselves, the nervous, isolated modern "I" and of how he saw his work of strengthening it as a cultural work, akin to the draining of the Zuyder Zee. "Wo Es war soll Ich werden" said Freud epigrammatically. "Where It was must I be," Mann's translator, bedevilled by Freud's changes of horses in midstream, talks distantly of the "modern ego" loses the whole resonance between the "I"s of Alexander, Napoleon, Mann himself, and

"Where id was let there be ego." A retranslation could not undo the years of thought, felicitous as well as infelicitous conducted with the aid of these too solid imaginary objects. All the more do we need books like Bettelheim's to keep us alert and supple, to remind us of the complex nature of language and translation, culture and history, the limitations of their power the power of their limitations.

## Grove for the home

The New Oxford Companion to Music Edited by Denis Arnold

The New Oxford Companion to Music, a refurbished version of Percy A. Scholes's original work, has to be Grove for the Home. At £50, or £37.50 if you aip in and buy it before the end of January, instead of £1,100 it is markedly cheaper. And it does take up rather less shelf room: two volumes, admittedly weighty ones, instead of twenty. Quite a lot of the contributors are shared, a mixture of critics whose names are familiar in the Dailies and Sundays and academics who are careful to confine themselves to learned iournals.

Certainly the new OCM looks good. Professor Arnold has scoured the picture libraries, or perhaps his assistants have: whether you turn up Carter, Elliott, or Chalumeau the illustration will not be the obvious one. The individual entries, though, show rather less the order of the day, and a very Inevitably there is a temptation

John Higgins

By R.H. Richens (Cambridge, £35)

of money, even these days. But this is no ordinary book. It is a work of immense scholarship, research, and yet, even for the reader who knows little or nothing about trees, much of it

The oak, the ash and, until its recent tragic near-obliteration centuries dominated the English rural landscape. Of this great trio the elm has been perhaps the most loved and the most frequently serenaded. As Mr Richens remarks, to identify with the English landscape has often meant to identify with an English elmscape. But unlike the oak and the

ash, the elm is not a native species. Correction. The Wych Elm, which flourishes mainly in A. S. Byatt northern England and on the

the greatest of Italian operas, is dismissed in ten lines with the comment, ". . the opera follows Shakespeare closely, although the Venetian first act

interests first and the opera

sections are not among the best in the OCM. There is, for

instance, no clear editorial line

on providing synopses for standard works. Il trovatore and

Les Troyens, on tasting T, each get a scene by scene outline of

the plot while Otello, arguably

Librettists receive an even rougher deal. There may be a case, although I would not care to argue it, for leaving out Piave or Meilhac, but to omit Da Ponte, Lorenzo, is inexcusable. What would Mozart have done without him? On the other hand anyone curious to know what Johnny Jingling had to do with Turkish music will find enlightenment. You cannot please all the people all the time, And at £37.50 the OCM is almost exactly the price of a single ticket to Covent Garden's Otello - . . . . also an opera by entries, though, show rather less flair. Solidity not controversy is Rossini (1816)," in case you did

## Pevsner of the elm

Elm. Just like that. Not even a definite article, let alone a subtitle, and only the briefest of publisher's blurbs, as though this were not the sort of book that anyone could be seriously expected to buy.

Well admittedly £35 is a lot is not just readable but fascinat-

Welsh borders, made its own way here sometime in the aftermath of the last Ice Age. The more familiar Field Elm, of which there are many varieties was brought here and planted either for decorative purposes or because of its splendid

versatility as a raw material. Since then, as this book reminds us, it has become absorbed not just into our landscape but into our history, art, literature, and even diet and medicine. Mr Richens is an admirably eclectic chronicler. He has been fortunate, if that

is the word, in his timing since, when he first began assembling material some 30 years ago, he could not have foreseen that the elm would become an object of national concern and lament. Indeed he makes no more than passing reference to Dutch Elm Disease, observing that to have included it in detail would have seriously unbalanced the book. To call it the last word on the

elm might be misconstrued. But surely all that will now be needed is either an epitaph to record its final demise or a chapter recording how it was helped to survive, as Mr Richens believes there is a reasonable chance it will.

John Young

## A right to browse

Blackwell's 1879-

By A. L. F. Norrington (Blackwell, £12.50)

Not all bookshops approve of browsing. But in Blackwell's of Oxford, it is a constitutional right, printed and posted on the wall. The rubric begins: "When you visit Blackwell's no one will ask what you want. You are free to ramble where you will; to handle any goods; in short, to browse at leisure. The staff are at your service when you need them; but unless you look to them, they will leave you undisturbed. You are equally welcome whether you come to

buy or browse." In my time at Oxford (just over 20 years ago) the under-graduate magazine Mesopota-mia, a direct ancestor of Private Eye - Willie Rushton was its main cartoonist - printed a spoof advertisement headed "VASSILI'S", It showed Blackwell's quaint old building with women in cantilever bras and fishnet stockings lolling against the walls. It was obviously intended as a bordello. And the caption underneath was un-changed from Blackwell's normal advertisement. "When you visit Blackwell's, no one will ask what you want . . ."

The Right to Browse is one of

the great benefits Blackwell's conferred on the Oxonian booklover. The other was their wonderful clemency in the matter of presenting their bills. Benjamin Jowett of Balliol was already taking advantage of this in Victoria's reign: the folio Diodorus Siculus which he bought for 7s 6d in November 1879 was not paid for until March 1881. Sir John Betjeman recalls, of his leaving Oxford after failing in Divinity:

Was so enormous that it wasn't paid Till ten years later, from the small

My father left.

nor Sir John's reminiscence is included in Sir Arthur Norrington's history of the firm. But just about everything else is. It is a dry read, full of those tribute-paying passages to which such histories are prone. ("He was one of the kindliest, sweetest-natured and most cheerful of men, ready to turn a hand to any job. His neat handwriting was an example to everyone, and his maps, disgrams, and marginal drawings were used extensively in the production of Carter and Brent-

nall's Geography series Man the World Over.")
But it is a valuable contri-bution to the history of booksel-ling — and of publishing too. (Basil Blackwell launched the annual series Oxford Poetry; published Edith Sitwell's first of Wilfred Owen's poems to appear outside periodicals; Graham Greene's first book, Babbling April and Enoch Powell's First Poems.) The founder, Benjamin Henry Blackwell, opened his shop at 50 Broad Street in 1879. His first catalogue included Aldines and Baskervilles at 5s each, and Loathesomeness of Long Haire... with an Appendix against Painting. Spots. Naked Backs &c. (Listed as VERY RARE, this was priced at 8s 6d). Occasionally Sir Arthur

Norrington rewards one for staying with his dour narrative, by a nice literary anecdote. We learn how Verlaine gave a lecture in Blackwell's, threading his way through "un dédale de chambres regorgeant de livres"; how the assistant Fred Cheundy was privileged to see Lewis Carroll bend down clad only in a "cutty-sark" shirt; and how Hilaire Belloc ended a row with Benjamin Heary by composing him a motto, Sumite Castalios nigris de frontibus baustus (From the Black Wells draw ye the Muses' draughts).

**Bevis Hillier** 

## Another great game

A Hitch or Two in Afghanistan By Nigel Ryan (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £8.95)

In August 1982 Sandy Gall, known to TV-watchers, invited camera man Charles Morgan, sound engineer Tom Murphy and Nigel Ryan author of this book, to lunch at Bertorelli's in Charlotte Street (what a lot of plots have been hatched in to film Ahmed Shah Massud, a oung resistance leader and his Mujahideen operating against the Russians in the Panjsher valley, north-east of Kabul in Afghanistan. Ryan, who has considerable experience in presenting TV news was preparing to write a book about it, and knows his Kipling and Edward Lear, and was to produce a film and act as Quartermaster and Paymaster of the expedition. He

wrote the specification - Sandy Gall asked for black underwear to show up the lice - and negotiated the budget with Central TV for something like £60,000.

Sandy Gall's method of leadership was to be supremely confident and optimistic at all times. The expedition was leave in three weeks.

Part of the agreement with the Muiahideen leaders was that the expedition should be responsible for hiring transport and horses, while food would be supplied by the Resistance. What was apparently not appreciated was that Muja-hideen were hard as nails and normally half-starved, living mainly on yoghurt, rice and sweet tea with a little goat thrown in from time to time.

The planning had to be secret because the expedition would have to make an unauthorized crossing of the Pakistan fron-tier. They chose as cover story the making of a tourist film about Swat, but this was blown when Gall was recognized in the plane by a man who proved to be none other than the Ruler of Swat From then on there were snags of every description and at every turn. An unexpected ten-day foot-slog across a descri was one of them. Some TV trained, Ryan was not Sandy Gall radiated confidence, but very soon they were all hungry. raisins and soup-mix.

This is a thoroughly readable, sometimes amusing and sad, but wholly absorbing story. Once or twice it's pace slackens - in point of physical progress it was always dead slow and Ryan was invariably last in the convoy, using his horse's tail as a ski-lift until spotted and scolded by the Mujabideen borsemaster.

In a book of 210 pages the party did not make contact with Massud until page 100, by which time they had lost all their TV equipment. Sandy Gall remained confident that all would be well. Finally even he gave up hope; and I must say that I did too; and then the equipment miraculously appeared. Three of four weeks filming time had gone, but they made their film, saw some action and were bombed. Then they had to get back over the hungry story, exacerbated by frayed tempers and a desperate shortage of cash.

The book deserves an index. Gontran Goulden

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**Fiction** 

#### Bits of the best of British fiction of the year darkness of which is the shadow

A Christmas Feast Edited by James Hale (Macmillan, £8.95)

This Christmas fare, prepared pack of quality goodies. Although there are still some chapters taken from novels which the editor takes to be the

The piece from Russell Hoban's Pilgermann amused unfortunate victim of a pogrom marriage, and hoping, at any is calling on God for help, and rate, that a beggar at the feast of Christ instead. It's no use better off together. Pilgermann insisting that up till

complaining "You're not the one I was calling." Christ replies: "I am the one who came though."

Another book I hadn't read by Macmillan to replace its and feel I now will is William long-standing Winter's Tales. Cooper's Scenes from Later has all the fascination of a free Life. The title recalls Cooper's earliest work, which must surely have influenced both Amis and excellent short stories, the bulk Wain, but whose own repuof the book is composed of tation has trailed a little. This piece about the awkwardness between a middle-aged son and Best of British for the year. Noone will have read them all hospital is written with warmth (except I must suppose, those and pain as well as a sense of poor, exhausted Booker judges). human absurdity.

There were other intriguing excellent way of discovering snippets. I have been intending what you've missed.

Brookner's Look at Me and was impressed by the cruel accuracy me enough to send me out for of her perceptions. The extract the book. (I wish I could say it lets us in on a married couple, was on sale at my local who invite a friend with them bookshop, but no.) So all I can on holiday, mainly to demonreport is that a peculiarly strate the perfection of their

is astonished to receive a vision will confirm they are indeed Then, of course, there were this point he had always dealt the novels already admired, and directly with His Father, or now looked at mainly to

justness of his extraction. It seemed to me that I, too, might have gone for the interview with the formidably casual British Council lady in Malcolm Bradbury's Rates of Exchange, and probably stranded the hapless Petworth, unmet, in the piece from Rushdie's Shame read magnificently. I was also pleased to recall what a very good book Maggie Ross's Milena had been. Among the short stories

Muriel Spark's "Fortune Teller" is unbeatable; an old witch at her tricks again, she evokes exactly the right mixture of unease and laughter. Fay Wel-don is probably better than anyone at portraying the precarious togetherness of family Christmas. How can an efficient woman not take her husband's gives seriously?

In the nature of the game, there were books not there that ought to have been. The editor had not had the prescence to look out Coetzee. And, perhaps because I've just been reading it with delight, I particularly novel leads the reader into missed John Fuller's Flying to labyrinth of shadows, the

Nowhere. But there might surely also have been some Alan Sillitoe, or Emma Tennant? By and large, though, a pleasantly digestible Christmas Feast. Elaine Feinstein

Into the landscape of the dead Falls the Shadow By Emanuel Litvinoff

(Michael Joseph, £8.95) Kingsley Amis is on record recently as declaring he would no longer read any novel in which a gunshot did not ring out in the very first paragraph. Some surprises would await him in this one. The body that slumps dead over the first page of Emanuel Litvinoss's latest

upon which the State of Israel has uneasily founded itself. Shomron, the laconic, Israeli detective has no difficulty in discovering the assassin Sinclar.

Apparently English, he is only too eager to declare himself.

What becomes worrying is the motive that leads him to anticipate his own trial with such joy:

Shomron, is a Sabra, proud to throw off the anxious stance of the ghetto Jew, and his family troubles, including those of his brother-in-law, concern him as much as the case he is handling. Until, that is, Mossad takes a hand in his investigations; and we are taken into a world, as alien as another planet, which tattooed both the victim and his assassin with the numbers of Dachau. So it is we enter a landscape of the dead, peopled by ghosts who may yet be alive; and listen in on the madness and the morality of choices we have all been spared. This is a remarkable novel; incisive, always questioning, and never,

**Elaine Feinstein** 



## THE TIMES **DIARY**

#### Who needs enemies?

One of the last letters written by Tony Banks, the Labour MP for Newham, North West, before he resigned as chairman of the GLC's Arts and Recreation Committee was to George Levy, chairman of the Friends of Kenwood - the historic house near Hampstead Heath. In it, Banks takes a stern tone towards the Friends' efforts to persuade the Government to set up an independent trust for Kenwood. "I understand, of course, that the Friends of Kenwood will have a greater concern for Kenwood than for any other cause. But if their concern for Kenwood is so limited and so exclusive, does Kenwood need such friends? Do we, in our private lives, relish friends who will be friends to no one but ourselves? Such friends are too cautious to defend, or even attack, another than their chosen object of devotion. Their affection and dedication are real enough, but and dedication are real enough, out are they welcome?" He then goes on to quote the passage from Donne's Devotions that begins, "No man is an Island ..." Mr Levy remained calm under the weight of so many admonishments. He wrote back: "It is . . . our particular concern to look after the interests of Kenwood and its magnificent grounds, and in this regard it would be most helpful if Members of Parliament could find time to write constructive letters of help, rather than find fault with those of us who do unpaid work for the community."

#### Late post

Yesterday, London's chief post office by St Paul's Cathedral, three of the four clocks were showing the wrong time. The clocks are more than a century old and because the post office is a listed building. cannot be replaced by newer models. In spite of the building's anitiquity, a television set showing Post Office commercials has been installed on the serving floor. This was functioning perfectly.

#### Fluid drive

Subaru, the Japanese car company, has recently been running an advertisement advising readers. "Don't sink and drive". Last week one of its salesmen, Peter Danby-Smith, had to abandon his Subaru after it failed to negotiate a flooded ford in Yorkshire. It was washed downstream till it became stuck



under a bridge. After it had been dislodged by a tractor and a breakdown wagon, Mr Danby-Smith found a rainbow trout on the driving seat. "But it wasn't much of a consolation", he says.

Andrew Palmer, head of the Foreign

#### Mass appeal

Office department which deals with the Falkland Islands and Britain's relations with Argentina, provided an end-of-term treat for his junior staff which was both entertaining and educational - he took a party of 24 to see Evita. Palmer and his deputy, Roger Westbrook, had found, as the Argentine elections approached, that some of their staff did not really understand what Peronism was. Palmer said: "One of President Alfonsin's tasks now in working to solve the country's economic problems is to retain the support of the trade unions, many of which are Peronist-led. It's important to realize that Peronism remains a potent force." Everyone enjoyed the show very much and Palmer would like Andrew Lloyd Webber and/or Tim Rice to write a musical about Alfonsin's triumph, so that he can take a staff party to that too.



'Mind you, Mario Lanza didn't have

## Cold comfort

Britoil has chosen a painting from Glasgow Museum for its Christmas card this year. It is called The Day of Rest, Winter View Greenock, painted in 1904 by Patrick Downie and shows the very spot where the Scott Lithgow yard faces probable closure and the loss of more than 4,000 jobs after Britoil's cancellation of its order for a £86m deep sea drilling

# Auntie's festive low-de-low

David Hewson describes the danger devoted to Auntie as it used to be. Try as the corporation might, the viewers have deserted it for the signs for the BBC as it battles other side in droves. Tomorrow the tinsel and gitter-ridden bandwagon to regain its Christmas ratings of the Christmas schedules is rolled out in an attempt to win back these viewers. The rumour hotline within

undoubtedly its worst for some considerable time. The extent of ITV I's dominance is shown by the shortly follow if normal service is fact that not a single BBC programme appeared in BARB's (Broadcasting Audience Research Board) listing of the month's top 50 rating programmes."

The BBC hopes that the holiday will provide some reversal of its fortunes. Its £10m package is as prodictable as a Christmas Day menu, 90-minute films of yesterday's successes such as Last of the Summer Wine and All Creatures Great and Small, and new versions of existing light entertainment programmes. There may be scarcely new idea in the whole thing, though that is not necessarily bad for the ratings; but one wonders if this desperate recycling stands much chance of success.

The ITV companies are far more worried about maintaining their lead outside the holiday period than winning a battle for kudos within it. Even if the BBC gains a majority of the Christmas audience, it is by no means certain that it will recover any ground in January. The Christmas seems to support the commercial network's attitude towards the holiday; then the viewing figures fell by 12 per cent, partly because of the number of people using video recorders to watch rented films. With video ownership now around the five million mark, the trend is likely to continue this year.

The corporation cannot even comfort itself with the notion.

television viewing itself is in decline. ITV's successful autumn, and the arrival of Channel 4, has actually increased the amount of time Britons spend in front of the set. In October, the average daily viewing per home reached 5.2 hours, 6 per cent more than in October 1982. The rise was wholly due to the commercial sector, viewing of BBC programmes fell by 6 per cent in the same period.

Had Channel 4 performed as well as it might, the news for the BBC would have been worse. But Jeremy Isaacs' organization is now begin-ning to find its feet, to the corporation's likely detriment. January sees the arrival of one glamorous mini-series, The Far Pavilions (while, oddly enough, Granada's literary adaptation of The Raj Quartet will go out on ITV 1) in a new scheduling policy. The result, placing Channel 4's more popular programmes together in blocks, should increase its present viewing share which, in the latest figures, stood at 5 per cent; although it may, of course, take viewers from ITV 1 instead of the BBC.

What is the BBC's reaction? Initially, it has been to bring up the shock troops. Hi-de-hi, which was once one of the corporation's most popular comedy shows, was dragged into the Sunday night schedules at least three weeks before planned in an effort to hold a few more viewers before By The Sword Divided thrust cod Cromwellian English in front of a lukewarm audience. The gambit failed; Hi-de-hi has failed to make the BBC's own Top Ten, let alone

same way, one must look to changes at Broadcasting House.

There is a school of thought which says that the BBC should be above chasing ratings since it is principally a public service broadcasting system. This line of reasoning is insidiously attractive. The BBC's director of television programmes. Brian Wenham, was forced to admit recently: "We are financially unable to compete with ITV's blockbusters in the way some of us would like.

If the corporation cannot compete on expensive drama, which now costs about £250,000 an hour to produce, could it not concentrate on quality in preference to mass appeal? Politics dictates otherwise. Next

year, the corporation must enter into new negotiations about its future licence income. A new colour television licence of at least £60 a year is likely to be demanded by Broadcasting House. If its services can attract the regular attention of only about 45 per cent of the viewing public, the BBC's manda-rins believe that they will come under intense pressure to justify their existence. For them, just as for the ITV companies, ratings have become an essential way of life, almost obliterating the fact that the BBC's reputation is almost wholly founded on programmes which are resolutely not of the common herd.

The corporation's potential January blockbuster, which has been juggled around the schedules after the fashion of a fading centre forward looking for the best place in a Fourth Division football team, is Thornbirds, the latest in a series of American mini-series, and by all accounts no better and no worse than its flaccid stablemates.

It is flimsy stuff around which to set a cliffhanger about one of the world's great broadcasting institutions, and a measure of the stormy times facing a BBC torn in several contradictory directions.

#### **Ronald Butt**

# Are the churches missing the point?

earth, King, appears to me in comparison with that time which is unknown to us. You are sitting feasting with your ealdormen and thegas in wintertime; the fire is burning on the hearth in the middle of the hall, and all inside is warm, chile outside the wintry storms of rain and snow are raging; and a sparrow flies swiftly through the hall. It enters in at one door and quickly flies out through the other. For the few moments it is inside, the storm and wintry tempest cannot touch it. but after the briefest moment of calm, it flits from your sight; out of

the wintry storm and into it again. So this life of man appears but for a moment; what follows or indeed what went before, we know not at all. If this new doctrine brings us more certain information, it seems right that we should accept it.

It was in these words, according to Bede, that one of the chief men of Edwin of Northumbria answered the question the king put to each member of his council; whether they should become Christian. The midwinter imagery of this evocative story is a reminder that Christianity has always been principally about first and last things, Inevitably, it is also about things in between; about the conduct required of mankind on earth. How, logically, could a religion concerned with the essential nature and destiny of humanity be otherwise? But its claim to revelation of first and last things has been its mainspring and the power by which its teaching first won the vestern world.

Today, however, it is the things between, here and now, that are dominant in the teaching of Christian priests and ministers. Their concern is concentrated on the details of political, social and economic action, and that is why, throughout this year, the debate about the proper relationship of Christianity to politics has rumbled on, in the correspondence and other columns of The Times, and also widely elsewhere. Churchmen have been praised or blamed both for what they have said on such matters and also for being as involved as they are in them, irrespective of what they have said.

On no question have they been more heavily involved than in that of nuclear war. The Catholic hierarchy and the Anglican Synod have rejected demands from within their churches to support unilateral disarmament but fin search of consensus) both have moved well beyond the broad Christian imperative that nuclear "deterrence" acceptable only as a means of maintaining peace through balance on the way to disarmament. They have entered the area of detailed political and strategic (rather than theological) argument, the Catholics criticizing the presence of cruise missiles in Britain and arguing for

the Anglicans calling for a commitment to "no first use". The same tendency towards detailed political involvement is evident in church reactions to the running debate on the shape and dimensions of the welfare state and (particularly because of unemployment) to economic policy. It is, of course, self-evident that Christianity is a religion which should condition the action and thinking of anyone with the least claim to heed it. By its nature, it requires each individual to

take responsibility when it is needed

greater British control over them.

for the well-being of others which must mean those in need and those without work.

But there is nothing, for instance, in Christian teaching which provides answers to the question when and whether the welfare of others is best assured by individual or communal action and, if by both, in what proportions. It can state the principle but cannot prescribe the means of practising, it in social circumstances that are always transient. It can tell us that we should seek a society in which all can work, but it does not prescribe the science for achieveing this. It cannot tell us, ex cathedra, whether work is better created by Keynesian economics or by relying on control of the money supply to defeat

inflation. Why, then, do churchmen increasingly express the imperatives of hristian principle in terms which imply, or even indicate openly, particular political action. I put the question recently to a prominent member of the Anglican priesthood who is himself much concerned with the social implications of his creed He was remarkably honest and candid, his answer boiling down to something like this. Nowadays, when it is harder for churchmen to point upward to heaven (and he pointed) the ultimate questions are much harder to tackle. In a way, he said, the Anglican church is a very honest church and does not attempt to over-ride doubt with strong theological assertions, but tries to carry people with it in an age of

doubt.
The implication was that the sociological concern of contemporary churchmen is, in part at least, a compensation for the uncertainties about ultimate questions in an age when, for so many, scepticism has gnawed at the fundamentals of faith it is a phenomenon which I do not think is confined to one church.

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Another Anglican priest spoke to me recently about the crowd of once-a-year attenders he expects at his church at midnight on Christmas Eve; of his uncertainty about how to address a crowd largely unknown to him, some of whom will have come from the pub; of the fact that he has sometimes even been glad that there were one or two policemen among his congregation. Why do they go? They are, perhaps, like Bede's sparrow, coming in from the darkness for light and warmth and even searching in some way for a belief towards which the church. preoccupied with social action, is not always well placed to help them in an age which is not one of conversion.

The tendency of our time is for the clergy to allow respectable doubt on what used to be the unquestioned tenets of their creed, while holding with apparent certainty the vision of right and wrong as it might be perceived by the presenters of Newsnight. To change a 2,000-yearold conviction about marriage; to doubt parts of the Gospels is permissible. But it would not be respectable to question some of the obsessive ethics of the secular world

Yet if churchmen have few certainties to offer about the fundamentals, about first and last things, what special weight is to be attached to their attachment to particular social and political prescriptions? Their danger is that of missing the main point. It is not, I think, for social and political instruction that the churches are crowded on Christmas Eve.

#### **Bernard Levin:** the way we live now



You all know the story of the Boy

Scout troop who were asked what good deed they had done that day, and answered that they had taken an

old lady across the road. "But why", asks the scoutmaster, "did it need eight of you to do that?" "Because".

eight of you to do that?" Because".
comes the reply, "she didn't want to
go". It is my belief that those eight
precocious masters of the art of

doing other people good against their will have grown up and are all

working in the anti-smoking indus-

try. Moreover, the leader of the

patrol, whose uniform was covered

with so many proficiency badges he

could hardly stand upright, was Mr

David Simpson, who is now the

director of Action for Smoking and

Health, known as ASH (my forthcoming study of the subject, which is the fruit of many years'

detailed research, will show conclus-

ively that acronyms give you lung cancer), and he hasn't changed a bit.

Too Far. He was replying, at the

weekend, to a comment in the Sunday Telegraph, in which the

writer had mildly deplored the fanatacism of the anti-smoking industry. Mr Simpson began in characteristic style by claiming that

the writer's attitude stemmed from

the fact that he is a heavy smoker, it

really does seem impossible to get into Mr Simpson's head the fact that

some people, regardless of their own

habits, find genuinely repellent the

desire of him and his kind to make

everybody behave as they do themselves, and to harass, insult,

intimidate and ultimately use the

Well, there is one charge Mr

Simpson cannot bring against me; my opposition to his fanaticism cannot be based upon my desire to

go on smoking, because I don't smoke, and dislike the practice a

good deal. I have never been a

cigarette smoker; about once a month I used to smoke a cigar, but I

doubt if my rate is now more than

one a year. So at least I come with clean hands to the fray, and I shall do Mr Simpson the justice of believing that he will not argue that I

am in the pay of the tobacco industry, though to judge from the

correspondence I get whenever I write about this subject, the same

cannot be said about some of his followers.

law against them until they do.

But this time I think he has Gone

Broadcasting House currently has it

that managerial topplings will

not resumed and maintained over

The corporation is genuinely bemused over why it should be doing so badly in the ratings. It has

not exactly been scheduling a seven-part series on The Life of the Loofah

at peaktime on Saturday nights, or producing such quintessentially diabolical drama of yore as the

Borgias. Yet the figures remain

doggedly rotten. For the week ending December 11, the BBC had

one programme in the ratings top ten, The Two Ronnies, which came

in sixth. The commercial network

with Channel 4, attracted 54 per cent

of the total audience, eight points ahead of the two BBC channels.

rivals reveals an unusual accord

over where the blame lies. "The

scheduling has been lousy", according to one ITV executive. "When we

came out with The Winds of War

they did nothing against us on the first night. We pulled in the viewers and they have stuck with us. ITV

has had a strong schedule, of course, but the BBC handed us a lot on a

plate. Just look at Sunday nights -By The Sword Divided has provided

no competition for us at all. And

This is a viewpoint shared by the

advertising industry. Young and Rubicam, one of the leading television agencies, says: "While much of ITV I's success can be

attributed to its strong programme

line-up for the month (September),

BBC's schedule in comparison was

Sixty Minutes has been a disaster.

A quick trawl among the BBC's









Royal smokers: Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII and George VI - but how can David Simpson (right) say tobacco killed them?

## Smoking: a small puff for a little less humbug

inav. noweyer. I ne iei to which the anti-smokers will go is exquisitely demonstrated in another part of Mr Simpson's reply. Defending (as of course I would also) the right of the Duke of Gloucester to be patron of the anti-

Gloucester to be patron of the anti-smoking organization, he said that The duke's keen, active and concerned patronage of ASH reflects the seriousness of our work and responsi-bilities; and no doubt members of the royal family might wish ASH had been around for much longer, seeing that smoking killed our last four kings.

Our last four kings, as any standard reference book will con-firm, were Edward VII, George V. Edward VIII and George VI, and one point must immediately be conceded to Mr Simpson: they are all undoubtedly dead. The matter, however, cannot be allowed to rest there, and it is the reason why it cannot be allowed to rest there that provides the subject of my remarks

Edward VII died, in 1910, at the age of 69, a span somewhat above average for those days. George V died in 1936 at 71 (par for the course), the Duke of Windsor at 78, well above average, and George VI

at 57, well below it.

All four of these monarchs smoked; the last of them contracted lung cancer, and may be presumed to have died of it. As Mr Simpson knows, but will wriggle himself into sciatica rather than admit, the link between smoking and lung cancer, though undoubtedly very strong. cannot prove that any particular sufferer from the latter got it from the former, and still less can it prove that smoking was the only cause. Still I certainly cannot prove the opposite case, and Mr Simpson is entitled to the probability that smoking killed George VI. One down and three to go.

Edward VII suffered from a lechery, gluttony and gambling, though even Mr Simpson would not claim that these are induced by smoking); he had typhoid in 1871, a form of appendicitis is 1902 and some bronchial trouble in the year of his death, which was very abrupt. There is no evidence from which we may conclude that he was "killed by smoking", and precious little that his smoking had everything to do with his final illness.

George V played golf, gave up drinking throughout the First World War (if it comes to that, George VI gave up smoking throughout the Second) and broke his pelvis in a riding accident in 1915, but he survived all these catastrophes without lasting harm. He also survived though much more narrowly. a streptococcal infection picked up in 1928; that was eight years before his death, and he made complete recovery from it. In his case, there is not the slightest reason to suppose that smoking ever did him any harm at all.

Edward VIII enjoyed generally good health throughout his very long life; he was a fairly silly man most of the time, but again, Mr Simpson would presumably not argue that smoking causes softening of the brain. As for the present Queen, she doesn't smoke at all, and anyway is still alive, so that's all right.

Now estimate, to three places of decimals, the degree of self-decep-tive intolerance from which a man must suffer to take the above facts and turn them into "smoking killed our last four kings". Having done that exercise, try working out how far you would trust the same man to tell you the time of day and get it right in fewer than three goes. It is not too nuch to say that Mr Simpson and his kind are firmly convinced.

or at any rate behave as though they are convinced, that if any person first smokes and then dies, it must follow as the night the day that the smoking was the direct and sole cause of the dying. It is useless for me to tell Mr Simpson that my maternal grandfather smoked 50 cigarettes a day throughout his adult life (his last breath was used, literally, to inhale his last puff) and died at the age of 84, because he will undoubtedly reply that if grandpa in't smoked he would have lived to 168, and I cannot prove him wrong. But I can prove him reckless and absurd in his fanaticism, and on the whole I think I just have.

Smoking is undoubtedly dangerous: nobody should be encouraged to do it, or to admire it. It is also a fairly nasty habit. It undoubtedly aggravates many illnesses, and no less undoubtedly causes some of them, and fatalities therefrom. But no one can say that this man contracted lung cancer and died of it because he smoked, whether the corpse was of a king or a rateatcher, and it is worth adding that some people contract lung cancer without ever setting eyes on a cigarette. And to claim that "smoking killed our last four kings" is not merely nonsense; it is the thirteenth chime of the clock, which casts doubt on all that has gone before, and diminishes the effect of Mr Simpson's more sensible work.

It is well that there are organizaattention to the dangers of smoking, but it is not at all well that the members of such organizations should behave as though smokers are hostes humani generis, or as though the rules of evidence do not apply to those who campaign to stop them smoking. Those of you who have German may take extra comfort from the following verse; it is impossible to translate gracefully. but I offer a very free version to my monoglot readers:

Alkohol und Nikoun Raffl die halbe Menschheit hin: Ohne Alkohol und Rauch, Stirbt die andere Hälfte auch. If you smoke and if you drink, It is later than you think: If such poison's not your game, You will perish just the same. © Three Newspapers Limited, 1983

## Jonathan Sale

## The Xfam way to a happy Oxmas

In the steam from the kettle, the flap of the envelope peeled up easily. It was an appeal for money, again. I like to check the children's letters to their grandparents for spelling but it is often the content that makes me blush first.

"What I want costs £16.99," she wrote. "I am saving up for it but so far have only got the 99p - Love. Rebecca. PS. Peter has got his BMX bike now so you needn't give me anything for that. But I am saving up for some Star Il'ars spaceships. This is what they cost."

There follows a catalogue of what

it takes to equip Darth Vader's inter-

galactic fleet, each item in double

figures and the total approaching three. My only consolation is that the youngest child makes no demands of a financial nature. That is because she is too young to write. I corrected the worst of the spelling mistakes, added a full stop or two and resealed the flaps. It takes long enough to wheedle without criticizing the one element powerful enough to induce them to

put pen to Snoopy writing-paper. There is probably no harm done. The grandparents do not complain. They do not send cheques to the full amount, either; but money does find its way into post office accounts.

Rather than stand in their way. I have decided to put on a more professional basis the traditional Christmas pastime of extracting money from relatives old enough to know better. For the benefit of my children, and yours, I have been working on a series of formula letters which should prove as effective as the versions falling through letterboxes from the more grown-up (and worthwhile) charitable organizations. They should be copied out in neatest handwriting, incorporating a few deliberate

Dear Grandparent, I know that you have many demands on resources at this time of year. It is for this reason that you will want to be sure of the aid that you provide going straight to the recipient for whom it

be happy to provide any account numbers or paying-in slips to this effect. With warmest thanks for your past. and future, support. . .

Dear Gran, We at Peterfam are proud of our unrivalled record of climinating administrative costs. No funds at all are diverted into lossmaking activities such as expendi-ture on paper and envelopes, as these relate to your last birthday gift, and the stamps are courtesy of Toytown (we trust that the postman's surcharge is no great incon-venience). With best wishes for a prosperous New Year. . .

Dear Nan, Would YOU like to sponsor a doll? For a modest weekly outlay. YOUR name will be in-scribed on the underwear of a Barbie or similar fine doll purchased by YOUR kind donation. Without YOUR care, this dolly would be left high and dry on the shelf of the toyshop. Wouldn't YOU like to bring a smile to its precocious little lips and rounded cheeks? All credit cards taken. Goodbye, and God Bless. . .

Dear Aunt. Please find enclosed a picture entitled Car Crashing into Tomato Ketchup Storage Vat of possibly Luke Skywalker in the Grip of the Dwarf Sun. It was painted in the dark and the red is all green instead. This is because the Torch Fund is, like the batteries, extremely low, which is a grave handicap 10 artistic activity after parents have switched lights out. The above-mentioned lack of red is caused by serious losses and possibly thefts in the Fibre-Tip branch of this organization. I know that we can rely on your assistance in balancing the books. Unless, that is, you want to be bombarded with green smears every week during 1984. Yours ominously...

Dear Uncle, It is a savage irony of the festive season that in a class of happy, well-fed children, there is one handicapped by complete lack of a ZX100 Little Star-Battler Electrogame. This is not a Third World shanty-town but the capital city of western democracy! Will you help to remedy this scandal? Will the ZX100 Electro-game hang from that child's tree? It is, after all, what Christmas is all about. Yours self-righteously...

## How the IRA bombs backfire in America

New York The Harrods bomb, which claimed an American among its five victims, has made many Americans think hard.

In the past 12 years people in the United States have given several million dollars to help the IRA buy its guns and explosives. Much of the money is collected at jolly social evenings, dances, film shows and other events advertised in the little papers published for the Irish-

American community. The hat also goes round at meetings addressed by IRA men who have been in prison by the relatives of jailed men, and,

occasionally, by fugitives.

The IRA's front organization in the US is the Irish Northern Aid Committee, known as Noraid. This week, the Boston Globe, which serves a city with a large Irish element, criticized the IRA and those city and state politicians who support it. The Globe said: "No political objective could justify ruthlessness against the

innocent. Anyone who loves Ireland should be heartsick, as most Irish people are, that its good name is invoked to justify this savagery.

It reminded readers that four Irish prime ministers had urged Americans not to give money to the IRA, and asked what people in Boston would think if a big department store there had been blown up and the Lord Mayor of London attended a fund-raising dinner for the

It went on: "The IRA has made enough widows and orphans in Ireland and Britain. It is time to bar the State House doors to mur-

Noraid's leaders have always denied that the money they raise helps to keep the IRA in arms and ammunition, and it has never been proved in a court that Noraid has provided the guns for terrorism. Noraid's men in New York, like its leader, Michael Flannery, and its chief spokesman, Martin Galvin,

always claim that the cash goes to

organizations, such as the Green

Cross in northern Ireland and ACC families of jailed IRA men. The US Justice Department

which has conducted a long investigation of Noraid's activities. say the organization is "the major American source of funds for the IRA" and that about three-quarters of the money used to support violence in Northern Ireland comes from American sources.

The US government has been trying to clamp down on Noraid, which it regards as an agent of the IRA, by forcing it to comply with the Foreign Agents Registration Act and make declarations of its membership, funding and activities.

Recently the government asked a judge in New York to declare that Noraid's failure to comply was contempt of court and asked for a \$5,000-a-day fine. The case was adjourned to January, and Noraid said it looked forward to a day in court to prove that it was being "hounded" at Britain's behest. Noraid has between 80 and 100

branches across the country, some 5,000 members and perhaps 30,000 sympathizers on its fringes. It has successfully exploited the sentiment of the large Irish-American element and the widespread ignorance of the complexities and emotions of the Northern Ireland issue. There are about 40 million

Americans of Irish descent, and the Irish accent has traditionally been strong, not least in politics and the police. There is a strong sentimental notion of Ireland, and St Patrick's Day parades are popular. One effect of the Harrod's bomb outrage is likely to be a decline in

support and donations for Noraid.

IRA atrocities in the past have led to a falling-off in contributions, and misspellings to add pathos. Saturday's murders have had a considerable impact here, not only because an American died among the Christmas shoppers but also because Americans, in other parts of the world, have recently been the victims of terrorist car bombs. Trevor Fishlock is intended, that is, me. I can guarantee this absolutely, and would

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#### HARD POUNDING

this morning for the last time in 1983, and Parliament rises for the Christmas recess this afternoon. It is six months since the election, but the political landscape seems quite different from that June day, Autumn brought its share of political diversions.

The Opposition has a new suit of clothes though there is no evidence yet that the body inside the clothes has undergone any lasting change. However, the Labour Party is getting used to the feel of a new leadership. The flavour of that leadership places less emphasis on policy, and thus less on faction - let alone radicalism - and more on polishing the veneer of the party machine and achieving effective management and control. This technique has certainly had an effect in terms of the Labour Party's position in the opinion polls and in the general improvement of party morale. It cannot yet be said to have resulted in the party showing any desire or capacity to work for a sustained coherent and above all credible critique of the present government and its policies.

Indeed the attitude of the Kinnock Labour Party seems to be based primarily on the view that the preservation of unity is its most important strategy, while waiting to take advantage of the failure of this government, on the principle that oppositions do not win elections, though governments lose them. Given the divisive policy-making in the Lai ar Party's recent history that must be a tempting option, and who can blame Mr Kinnock

Cabinet ministers congregate and his colleagues for this public and private sectors, where complacency when they see the Alliance slipping further in the polls and appearing to be less and less credible as an alternative political system?

Meanwhile it is said that the Government has become accident prone. That is so only in a superficial sense. On the underlying issue of the economy the Government's position is stronger now than it was in the summer. The evidence of controlled inflation persists, and even the ranks of Tuscany can scarce forbear to admit that economic recovery is with us. Only yesterday the OECD forecast that Britain's growth would exceed the European average next year and probably in 1985. pausing only to ask - inevitably - whether the recovery could be sustained.

The Government can therefore feel some satisfaction. Its doggedness in economic policy is paying off. Cabinet ministers have their heads down, persevering with unglamorous but essential programmes, denying by their every action the existence of the alleged "hidden manifesto"; but surely storing up some future trouble for themselves in the process.

There are dangers in an approach based on the politics of attrition. For a start it means that the argument about public spending will recur each year, generating much heat about sums which are essentially marginal in terms of the total budget. It means that economic management will continue to involve manipulation and bullying in the

the Government will continue to wield the power of the state purse which it has tried absolutely without success to reduce, hoping instead that economic growth will achieve a relative reduction.

Rhetorically the Prime Minister and the Chancellor still talk about reducing the scale of government. Few of their colleagues now join them. The reality is that this Cabinet, after six months, has come to terms with a more traditional Tory mixture than the radical thinking still perceived lurking between the lines of Prime Ministerial speeches.

Traditionalist Tory politics have perhaps allowed ministers to escape from facing up to the central contradiction in the radical position. That was to argue for the disengagement of government from many activities, while assuming powers of control and supervision - ostensibly as a transitional mechanism - which betrayed the very purpose and principle of disen-

The Prime Minister's political personality has always been clear and uncomplicated to voters. They have hitherto known what they can expect from her. If she, and by extension, her Cabinet, now change character and accept that they are in power to manage the existing and faulty system, not to change it, they will have some explaining to do. The trouble with the politics of attrition - of "hard pounding" is that people forget what the

#### TWO CABINETS: ONE TERRORISM

One item on the agenda of accordance with feelings of today's Cabinet meeting is the outrage, but by reference to possible proscription of Sinn Fein. There is a strong a priori case for doing so. Sinn Fein is a party which openly advocates the violent overthrow of the institutions of the state, the "armed struggle" as it likes to call it. It operates the soft half of the Armalite/ballot box duality proclaimed by the Provisional movement. Moreover there are ample grounds to suspect some interchangeability of membership between Sinn Fein and the night-time terrorists, in Lord Fitt's vivid image.

In these ways Sinn Fein is implicated in terrorist crime, though to a degree that keeps it for the most part outside the reach of the criminal law. The affiliation is a direct source of strength to the IRA, which is an illegal organization. Sinn Fein is therefore a legitimate object for extension of the criminal law; since the entitlement of a democratic state to proceed against internal organizations that kek to mobilize support for viol subversion is not to be doubted. Both the power and the justification are present for proclaiming Sinn Fein an illegal organization.

Unfortunately to proscribe Sinn Fein is not to cancel the phenomenon Sinn Fein exemplifies, which is organized support among a section of the population, in sentiment and in practice, for the pursuit of a political end by means of terrorism. It is possible that proscription might even have the hollow success of dispensing the name and reinforcing the reality. The matter is to be judged not simply in terms of principle or in politics.

utility. That requires a careful appraisal of its probable effects.

The Irish Cabinet met the day before yesterday with the same item on its agenda. It has not committed itself and wants further study to be made, but the indications are that it is unlikely to decide in favour of a ban on Sinn Fein; that it may prefer to move along more precise lines. and is exploring ways of extending the law relating to incitement and abetting. That might allow the authorities to move against selected subversives without either driving Sinn Fein underground or having recourse to ineffective blanket measures.

Like Mr Prior Irish ministers are also interested in the idea of sending Sinn Fein party representatives to Coventry. As in Northern Ireland Sinn Fein has been making some headway in the Republic by the diligent pursuit of community politics. In a recent by-election in Dublin Sinn Fein polled 7 per cent of the vote, more than it is accustomed to. The constituency contains some of the slummiest parts of the city and was rife with drug abuse. Sinn Fein set about the drug pedlars with its usual ruthlessness and to good effect. In such ways it wins a local following. Zest for the "armed struggle" can be implanted later. No Sinn Fein candidate has been elected to the Dail in recent years but there are about 25 councillors of that description. A refusal by officials at every level to do business with the party's representatives might limit Sinn Fein's effectiveness and impair its exploitation of community

Street will have to concentrate on the position of Sinn Fein in Northern Ireland (although a ban, if that is what it comes to, should be for the whole United Kingdom, it is with reference to Northern Ireland that the proposal should be judged). In the Republic Sinn Fein's advocacy of political violence has a historical potency about it but wins it few friends today; it is electorally negligible, and is presently tainted by the revulsion against the IRA murder of The problem there is to keep the genie in the bottle. The problem in the North is

The discussion in Downing

that the genie is out of the bottle. Sinn Fein mounts a formidable political challenge in the community affected. A ban in the Republic would be presented and probably accepted as a measure of state security. A ban in Northern Ireland would be more easily challengeable as a political measure, an attempt to silence the voice of the people.

Although the considerations that must weigh with the two governments are not identical Dublin has given a lead to London in two particulars: in its deliberation, making sure of its ground before moving; and in its initial preference for selective measures directed at the more blatant abuses of Sinn Fein's political cover. The two governments should consult and if possible concert their plans, though it is better for the health of Dr FitzGerald that they not be seen to do so. It was overevident cooperation with the British in a matter of security that was part of Mr Jack Lynch?

#### **POVERTY AND THE POLES**

The low-key rallies held in Polish cities last Friday are not an indication of growing reconciliation between government and people; they are rather the result of a massive police presence and the constant emphasis by Solidarity leaders on the need for peaceful protest against unworkable policies rather than violent opposition to the regime. It made no sense to commemorate those killed in the price protests of 1970 and the first days of martial law in December 1981 by risking fur-

ther deaths and injuries. The threat that police brutality may lead to further bloodshed has not receded, however. Both the underground Solidarity leadership and the government are concerned that the price rises expected in January might provoke violent street demonstrations. General Jaruzelski has attempted to persuade the Poles that they are being consulted by circulating questionnaires, but it seems that most of the answers received so far have been unprintable. Speaking recently to Silesian miners he acknowledged that price rises would cause increased hardship but argued that only by raising production can the fall in living standards be halted: he claimed that the

"strike madness" was over.

underground Solidarity leader-ship, which maintains that there can be little improvement in the economy while ideology and the preservation of the political system are given higher priority than the people's welfare. Longer working hours, growing poverty, and the squandering of national resources are a result of trying to rule without popular partici-

With a third of the population living below the poverty line and the average wage so low that both parents must work to earn enough for their family's basic necessities, strike action and street demonstrations threaten disaster from the arrest or dismissal of a bread-winner. Since the imposition of mar-

tial law, living standards have dropped by thirty per cent and a further drop is expected next year. The government has blamed Solidarity opposition and Western economic sanctions rather than admit responsibility for its own economic mismanagement. The vast majority of Poles welcomed sanctions as an em broadcasts can make it clear expression of the West's outrage in Poland that the gradual and a sign of support for their relaxation of sanctions is to help banned trade union. Now, however. Mr Lech Walesa has and that further economic coopappealed for the lifting of eration is dependent on better sanctions. Confirmed in his treatment of the population.

This is not the message of the status as a genuine representative of Polish aspirations by the mass approval which greeted the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize, he should not be ignored.

The rescheduling of Poland's debt to the West is already under discussion, but a satisfactory outcome depends on the Polish government accepting realistic terms. Humanitarian arguments and the need to support Solidarity now combine in making some relaxation of other sanctions desirable, but in such a way as to encourage more genuine concessions from the regime than have been apparent so far. A Christmas amnesty for the hundreds of political prisoners would be a welcome sign of good

Mr Walesa has already emphasized that there must be no return to the "disastrous" loan process of the 1970s, when borrowed money was squandered by the regime. More conditionality will be necessary in future. Top priority must go to aiding food production. Westthe Poles rather than the regime,

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

emotions, rather than dispassionate

arguments, reflect the truer position?

From Sir Ian Percival, QC, MP for

Sir, One of the most common - and

it would seem telling - arguments advanced against capital punish-

ment for terrorists has been that it

perpetrators of such an outrage as last Saturday's were convicted and

executed, anyone could in any

circumstances think of them as

martyrs? And does not the same

apply to the outrages, lesser though they may be in their drama, perpetrated daily in Northern

Sir, I listened to a part of the

interview given today, and broad-cast on the BBC's The World at One

programme, in the aftermath of the

Harrods bomb outrage, in which Mr Prior emphasized the international

character of the IRA's campaign of

terror. It may be of interest to your

readers to know that there was

evidence of this at the very beginning of the current troubles in

Northern Ireland, which began in

forces in the province, which followed the serious fighting in the

streets of Belfast in August of that year, the committee of which I was

chairman was provided with clear evidence of the presence in Belfast and Derry City of foreign anarchists

with no previous connections with

the issue of Irish nationalism, whose

purpose was none other than to

exploit the civil rights movement (in

which the IRA were not, at that

time, actively involved: vide Report

of the Advisory Committee, ch 2,

We were shown posters almost identical, except for the language of

the text, with some of the inflamma-

tory literature distributed in France

paras 21 and 23).

During our inquiry into the police

Is it really conceivable that if the

would make martyrs of them.

Yours faithfully.
RICHARD MEYNELL.

Southport (Conservative)

Berry Hall, Honingham, Norfolk

December 19.

Ireland itself?

3 Hare Court, Temple, EC4. December 19.

Yours faithfully.

IAN PERCIVAL

From Lord Hunt

#### Just retribution for terrorism screams of children, then, in the

From Mr Denis E. Mechan

Sir, As an Irishman who has lived and worked in London for many stinking depths of even their coward hearts, will not the worm of remorse eventually begin to gnaw? Sir, this is an emotional letter, but are there perhaps occasions where years I have often taken your prescription and transported myself in imagination to Belfast, as horrors multiplied there.

But theoretical or imaginative perception of terrorism is somewhat remote from the quiddity of it, which I experienced at Harrods, where I work, on Saturday, I can now no longer find it in me to believe that the agents of such destruction, wanton and random in its effects, are capable of redemption. Reluctantly, for I have been a lifetime opponent of capital punishment, I now believe that terrorists convicted of murder should be executed.

Of course I may be over-reacting. but i would guess that a majority of the thousands of people who were in Harrods on Saturday, both staff and customers, would agree with me. Yours faithfully. DENIS E MEEHAN. 194 Merton Road. Wandsworth, SW18.

From Mrs Aileen Keogan Sir, As a citizen of this unfortunate country may I thank you for your compassionate editorial today (December 19)

There are so many of us here who suffer, and have suffered, unbearable anguish and despair at the atrocities which are being daily perpetrated in our name. With each new horror it becomes an increasing source of shame to belong to a race which could beget creatures capable of such mind-boggling acts.

Our only hope is that the British people will realize in time that together with our agony and sorrow for these dreadful deeds, we must carry the added burden of shame

and shared responsibility.

This is, I fear, not very coherent. but believe me, it comes from the

Sincerely, AILEEN KEOGAN. 11 Ballymace Green, Dublin, Republic of Ireland. December 19.

From Mr Richard Meynell

Sir, In the wake of the Harrods bombing, it may be helpful to the IRA to compare what they have in fact achieved by their actions with their declared, or self-evident,

Their first objective is, by terror, to compel the British Government and people to change their policy. To see that they will in fact have achieved precisely the opposite effect it is only necessary for them to consider the reaction of this people to the last application of terror -Hitler's Blitz - by thugs of

Their second objective is to advance the cause of Ireland. They have done the opposite; they have in fact advanced perilously close to that tracic brink where the once fair name of Ireland will, however undescreedly, become synonymous with all that is most vile.

Their third objective is to kill, cripple and inflict agony on as many totally innocent men, women and children - especially children, as evidenced by their deliberate choice of the peak family shopping time as is in their power. In this objective they have succeeded. In this they can glory and rejoice.

Or can they? Will they not eventually realize that all they have done is to damage their own cause; and then, as they hear in their minds, as they surely will, the

From the Secretary of the British

#### Children and the Pill

Medical Association Sir, It is tragic that those of us who have children's welfare at heart should be divided by Sir Bernard

Braine's narrow arguments (December 15). We agree that in girls under the age of 16 sexual activity is medically and emotionally undesirable. We agree that where it is occurring it is highly desirable that the parents should be aware of the position so that they can offer the necessary support to the girl. It is therefore irresponsible of Sir Ber-nard to state that doctors are making contraceptives "freely available" to young girls without parental con-

The best way of managing the problem is to place no obstacle in the way of such girls seeking medical advice as the doctor will do his best to persuade the girl to agree to the parents being informed; and only in exceptional cases, and where the doctor is satisfied of the capability of the girl to handle the situation, will treatment be given without the parents being informed.

If the law were to provide either that it is illegal to give contraceptive advice and treatment in circumstances to young girls, or that doctors should be required to inform the parents in such cases, there would be a marked reluctance to seek medical advice, with the consequences of unwanted pregnancies and, at worst, recourse to illegal abortionists. An important opportunity would therefore be lost for doctors to help such girls and to persuade them to involve their parents.

It does not assist the resolution of these serious problems for Sir Bernard to suggest that doctors are encouraging promiscuity. Furthermore, there is no evidence to suggest that there is a cause and effect relationship of the kind he implies in his letter, between abortion and illegitimacy statistics and the availability of contraception. Yours faithfully,

JOHN HAVARD, Secretary, British Medical Association, BMA House. Tavistock Square, WC1.

December 19.

Towards a new gas industry

From Sir Kenneth Hutchison, FRS Sir, The future of the gas industry is under discussion and decisions may have been taken already behind closed doors at the ministry. Even so I trust that it is not too late to offer some suggestions for consideration about the structure of the industry when it is returned to the private

I write as the one-time chairman of one of the 12 original area gas boards, each of which was an independent and self-accounting body: together with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Gas Council we represented the corporate identity of the new gas industry in 1949.

The supply of gas is a natural monopoly and has been recognized as such since the Metropolis Gas Act of 1860 gave legal force to the many "districting" agreements made between the warring factions who had been laying their mains in the same London streets.

With the grant of monopoly went a right of intervention by the state and an obligation on the companies to supply: nothing much was changed by the Gas Act 1948. What remained was a keen spirit of competition between the area boards, each a monopoly supplier in its own area, headed up by persons of widely different origins, united only in the belief that his was to be the best board, the most enterprising and the most viable financially. I believe that the gas industry of

the future in the private sector can best be structured on the basis of 12 independent area boards, each small enough to be sensitive to the desires of its share of 15 million consumers of gas and large enough to maintain internally an efficient operational and management structure.

Each area board would be free to concentrate its efforts on improvements in service to its consumers while maintaining a sound financial base from which to service the

public issues of loan stock and equity for which it would be

individually responsible.

There should be a supply corporation, responsible as the British Gas Corporation is now, for procuring, producing, storing, and in the long term manufacturing, gas and for maintaining the transmission system by which to deliver gas to terminals in each area board. The terms and conditions of supply and demand should be contractually

enforceable.

The corporation, like the area boards, would issue its own loan stock and equity and act in all respects as any other responsible oil company does except for a prior commitment to meet the area boards demands for gas.

But quis custodiet. I will propose

that there be established an independent regulatory commission with powers, inter alia, to determine the maximum price of gas sold by the corporation to the area boards and by the boards to the public in their respective areas of supply. There is nothing new in this; from the early days of the gas industry right up to vesting day there have been regulations designed to control the profits of the companies supplying gas. In the USA the state legislatures exercise control by energy com-

missions or other means. The commission, as here proposed, would also have responsibility for authorizing the issue of loan stock, and equity when and if that becomes feasible and in the course of its duties would want to examine in depth the efficiency and performance of a board or the

corporation. I do not see why anyone should object to that, if only as the price of freedom. Yours faithfully.

Our service on the Norfolk-

Suffolk border is now in its fifth year

of operation. Over 11,000 passen-

gers have been carried on regular

services which link 13 villages with

five towns. All drivers are volun-teers and unpaid, as are the

organising committee.
The elderly and housewives left

during the day without transport

find such a scheme invaluable, and

are not slow in expressing their

KENNETH HUTCHISON, 2 Arlington Road, Twickenham, Middlesex December 16.

#### Catching the bus

From Mr Victor Peskett Sir. You were right to highlight the plight of the people faced with the withdrawal of commercial bus services from 72 Norfolk villages (report, December 9), but perhaps too ready to follow the pessimistic forecast of the bus company's general manager.
No doubt, as he is reported to

have said, private operators will find it no more economic than Eastern Counties to run loss-making services. But people can help themselves, as the community buses already operating in Norfolk demon-

during the abortive uprising against the government of General de Gaulle in 1968. Mr Prior is right. Those who Efficiency drive support the IRA in the fallacious hope, however sincerely held, that theirs is the way to political unity in Ireland, are in fact aiding and Yours faithfully,

JOHN HUNT, Highway Cottage. Ashton. Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire December 19.

#### **Reviving Ireland Act**

From Mr J. Enoch Powell, MP for Down South (Official Unionist Party)

Sir, Contrary to Mrs Hanna Quinn's belief (December 20), the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act. 1920, relating to a Council of Ireland are not "still on the statute book". I am, Sir, yours etc. J. ENOCH POWELL. House of Commons.

#### Remand prisoners

From Mr Maurice Cowin Sir. I read with great interest the article written (feature, December 14) by Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Knowsley North, on the appalling situation regarding the plight of remand prisoners.

A friend of mine has been in custody, on holding charges only, since early August and has been shovelled around from police cell to police cell, from Barking to Seve-noaks, from Aylesbury to Win-chmore Hill. The conditions in these cells, which are no way the fault of the police, are similar to those one associates with far darker corners of the world than the Greater London

It is almost impossible for his solicitor to arrange his defence due to his constant change of where-abouts, and the pressures on his family are totally nnacceptable, bearing in mind that a person is innocent until proved guilty.

Surely magistrates must be made more aware of this disgraceful state

of affairs, and surely positive action should be taken now - and not in the near future. Yours faithfully. MAURICE COWIN, River Gardens.

#### Financial solution

Stevenage Road, SW6.

December 16.

From Mr Giorgio Francesconi Sir, Far from being an unwelcome development, a British decision to withhold payment to the EEC (your leader, December 16) might help find a final solution to the permanent crisis of the last few

years.

The UK would be in breach of EEC laws and, if a stalemate followed, as is likely, the outcome could well be the end of the present Community. This would allow the countries which believe in European principles to form another Community, with which Britain could negotiate a treaty of association. Yours faithfully. GIORGIO FRANCESCONI. 283 Westbourne Park Road, W11.

#### Yours faithfully, VICTOR PESKETT, Administrator, Upper Waveney Valley Community

Huntsman and Hounds Cottage,

Temptation to meddle

Sir, I was charmed by the picture of

the refurbished platform at Charing Cross Underground station in your

issue today (December 14). Waiting

for the train could indeed be a

But why, I ask, could not London

Transport have put the murals on

the other side of the track? The

intervention of the electrified line

might have at least deterred the

many amateur artists who throng the. Underground these days from

adding the elements that Botticelli

was careful to leave to the

pleasure in such surroundings.

Metfield, Harleston, Norfolk,

From Mr C. P. Dalton

imagination.

Yours faithfully,

C. P. DALTON,

Coppice, Kithurst Lane, Storrington, West Sussex.

gratitude.

From Mr C. H. Sisson Sir, "If the (efficiency) initiative is to

recommendations delivered without losing its bite. The credibility barrier is establishing that good manage-ment is not optional." So wrote lan Beesly, head of the Efficiency Unit (report, December 14).

So many words to say so little! If that is the blue-eyed Under-Secretary of 1983, the only prospect for Whitehall is of less meaning on more paper. Efficiency indeed! Perhaps there was something to

be said for a literate Civil Service Yours faithfully. C. H. SISSON. Moorlield Cottage, The Hill, Langport, Somerset. December 14.

#### US-Israel peace plans

From Mr John Stebbing

Sir, Your leading article of December I reveals very clearly the significance of the new agreement of strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel: it shows also the great importance of an effective revival of the Reagan peace

Unfortunately, the first signs of a new approach to the problems of the West Bank and Gaza Strip are not promising. After his diplomatic success, Mr Shamir's perfunctory undertaking "to have another look at the Reagan peace plan" does not suggest that any strong pressure has been applied to him to secure a realistic reduction in the West Bank perilements. Unless decisive pressure is ap-

plied Mr Shamir's review is likely to be no more than a brief ritual exercise; the West Bank situation would then be unchanged and the prospects of peace for all the peoples of the region soon extinguish This view is supported by the

conclusions of the extremely com-petent, and quite independent, Benvenisti group of Israeli re-searchers in their first report (September, 1982) on the realities of the situation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Writing of land and land use, the group concluded that "The combination of land acquisition, closure of areas for military purposes and land use planning. roads and infrastructure develop-ment, has already ensured complete Israeli control over space in the West Bank". A large proportion of West Bank

water resources have been taken over and the research group has listed 1,000 military government measures closely regulating the life of Palestinians in the two occupied territories. The 120 Israeli settlements are planned to have a rural population of 100,000 by 1987; and the West Bank Higher Planning Commission is reported by the research group to have plans for 60,000 housing units for an urban population of 320,000, in eight urban settlements in the West Bank.

What appears to be needed, if a properly autonomous Palestinian administration is to be set up, is a concerted approach by all moderate Arab countries and the countries of the West to persuade the President

December 14. of the United States to withdraw American support for this pro-gramme: to require Israel to dismantle all except for a negotiated strategic minimum of settlements (perhaps to be held under lease) in exchange for peace within recog-nized, guaranteed, boundaries which are defensible. It seems likely that every argument and leverage would be needed to achieve this, even including the possible curtailment of

The search for an honourable solution to this problem is exceedingly urgent. It is a matter which should not be put aside because of the presidential election; nor should it be the subject of an ineffective compromise for the sake of electoral advantage. Yours faithfully,

JOHN STEBBING. Fair Beeches. Burcot, December 5.

oil supplies.

#### Middle East auspices

From Dr. H. R. McKinlay

Sir. The white stork (Ciconia ciconia) has just completed its autumn migration south through the north Bek as Valley, oblivious of terrestrial distractions. Though Meinertzhagen says that their main route is east of the Anti-Lebanon mountains, flocks of 500 to 2,000 birds flew in at an altitude of 200 metres from the direction of the Lac

de Homs, beginning on August 31.

Flying two kilometres east of Hermil they then circled in a clockwise spiral to 1,000 metres near the Hermil pyramid (Qanwat el Hermil), a tomb of a Syrian prince dating from the first century BC. South of El Ain they circled again before crossing the Anti-Lebanon mountains.

Flocks passed on this route on August 31, September 1, October 5, 12, 20 and finally on October 31, generally between 8.30 and 9.30am. Their only concession to current events is that for the past two years they have not flown over Baalbek. Yours faithfully.

H. R. McKINLAY, Bek'aa Valley, Lebanon



## **COURT AND** SOCIAL

Fund (Mr Giles Witherington).

The Duke of Kent, a liveryman of

with the Master and Wardens at

The Duchess of Kent will present the awards at the annual Compos-

The Duchess of Kent, an honorary freewoman, will attend the charities luncheon of the Clothworkers' Company at Clothworkers' Hall on

A service of thanksgiving for Commander Edward St John Edmonstone will be held at Barcombe Parish Church on

Mrs Josette Tregaskis wishes all her friends a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Saturday, December 31.

Ironmonser Lane on March 19.

#### **COURT** CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALAÇE December 21: The Queen held a Council at 12.20pm today.

There were present: the Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President), the Lord Belstead (Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), the Lord Gray of Contin (Minister of State, Scottish Office), the Right Hon Patrick Jenkin, MP (Secretary of State for the Environ-Havers, MP (Attorney General) the Right Hon Nigel Lawson, MP (Chancellor of the Exchequer) and the Right Hon John Wakeham, MP (Parliamentary Secretary to the

Treasury).
The Most Reverend John Stapylton Habgood (Archbishop of York) was sworn in a Member of Her Magesty's Most Honourable Privy

council.

Neville Leigh was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Vicount Whitelaw had an audience of the Queen before the The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark

Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, this evening attended the Annual Carol Concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

**Forthcoming** 

Mr M. N. Butler and Miss S. C. Freeborn

Mr M. W. Edwards and Miss C. Wenborn

and Miss F.E Maxwell

and Miss J. C. Stevens

Mr K. J. Sowerbutts

and Miss J. R. Josephs

Stevens, of Sutton Coldfield.

The engagement is announced

between Kevin, second son of Mr

Dr R. G. Rees

marriages

Mr J. Balkwill and Miss C. Wild

#### Mr LS. Cochrane and Mrs Blackwood Murray

The engagement is announced between Jain Scott, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. K. Cochrane, of Lasswade, Midlothian, and Susan M. A. Blackwood Murray, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Allen, of Long Melford, Suffolk, The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. W. N. Balkwill, of Reading, and Clare, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs A. Wild, of Sonning, The marriage will take place in channesburg in February, 1984.

Mr A. D. Irvine Robertson and Miss P. R. H. Stenhou

The engagement is announced between Sandy, ekiest son of Mr and Mrs Alastair Irvine Robertson, of The Old Manse, Stirling, and Penelope, only daughter of the late Mr Hugh Stenhouse and Mrs Stenhouse, of Maxwelton, The engagement is announced between Matthew Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Buder, of Hardon, Yorkshire, and Suzy Christine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Freeborn, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London.

and Miss S. C. Pitcairn

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs The engagement is announced between Roger, only son of the late Mr W. Walsom and of Mrs I. D. Walsom, of Hove, Sussex, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. Pitcairn, of Claygate, Surrey. B. E. Edwards, of Hope House, Little Burstead, Essex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. B. Wenborn, of Lingwood House, Danbury, Essex. Mr D. A. Harland

Marriages The engagement is approunced between David, third son of Dr and

Professor M. Brawne and Mrs C. Baden-Powell Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs. H. K. Maxwell, of Bury St The marriage took place quietly in Bath on December 20 between Professor Michael Brawne and Mrs Charlotte Baden-Powell (née

and Miss C. Enders

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Dr and Mrs E. G. Rees, of Shrewsbury, and Jill, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. J. The marriage has taken place of Mr Ronald Cohen and Miss Claire Enders, daughter of United States Ambassador to Spain and Mrs

Dr A. Porter and Dr A. Keymer

and Mrs J. Sowerbutts, of Penalit, The marriage took place on December 17 at St. Andrew's Church, Blickling, of Dr Angus Porter and Dr Anne Keymer. Monmouth, and Julia, daughter of the Rev J. W. and Mrs Josephs, of

Dinner **Royal Society of St George** 

Great Glen, Leicestershire,

The Lord Mayor and Sir John Donaldson, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Royal Society of St George (City of London Branch) held at the Mansion House yesterday. Mr Charles Fairweather, accompanied by Mrs Fairweather, was in the chair. The Rev Basil Watson said grace. The other speakers were Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Deputy Bernard Morgan, branch president, Sir William Woolf Harris and the Right Rev George Reindorp. A message was received from the Queen

#### Council to buy a king's monument

Cumbria County Council is to buy the monument to King Edward I in Burgh-by-Sands, on the Solway, from Lord Lonsdale. He had asked the council if it would be interested in its purchase at a nominal sum as it was now isolated from the rest of

the death of King Edward I in 1307 when he died in camp while leading his army acros the Solway. It was erected in 1685, rebuilt in 1803 and

cations circuits have been the subject of two experiments in

Britain in which scientists have harnessed the advances

in satellite and cable to

completed, took place in

Scientists from Manchester

University and UMIST (University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology)

are evaluating the results of a

nine-month experiment in

countries were linked by

satellite, exchanging infor-

mation about the development

link was created to encourage

the usage of plant material (lignocellulose) as fuel, fodder

and food among the poorer nations. Every scientist on the

experimental network was able

computers through his own

electronic terminal. Reports

that were placed in the computers' banks could be

called up in seconds by users

around the globe.

to have access to two

The biochemical word-wide

which researchers in

of impoverished countries.

nunicate their research findings to each other.
The first experiment, just

High-speed

Manchester.

## Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Alphonsus D. Kelly was christened Charles William Tyrconnel by Father Tracy at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, on Friday, November 25. The godparents are Mr Michael Pearl, Mr John P. Kelly, Mr John des Forges, Miss Jacinta Curran, Miss Elizabeth M. Kelly and Miss Elizabeth Curran.

#### Reception Mrs L. Leilland

The Swedish Ambassador and Mrs Leif Leifland were hosts at a reception held yesterday in honour of Professor Dame Sheila Sheriock and Dr D. Geraint James. Dame Sheila Sherlock, who has been elected honorary member of the Swedish Society of Medical was presented with a

Luncheon Association of Accounting Tech-

The President of the Association of Accounting Technicians, Mr P R Dallow, presided at a luncheon given by the council of the association at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales yesterday. Representatives of the association's four sponsoring hodies were entertained.

Science report

High-speed links help research

The project began with the

creation of two computer centres, one in Stockholm and

the other in Ottawa. The

former was set up by the World Academy of Arts and

Sciences and the other by the

International Development Research Centre.

network, which uses satellite and terrestrial links, joined

the computers to centres in

Manchester, Washington, Kuwait, Moscow, New Delhi,

Bangkok, Tokyo and Frank-

More than a hundred scientists, including chemists,

biologists, chemical engineers,

searchers from the British

Agricultural and Food Council

have taken part in the

The first part of the

experiment finished last week

with scientists meeting in the

network centres or nodes to

findings from each workshop

were then relayed via the

computers to the scientists

A similar experiment link-

meeting around the world.

With the network's aid the

have their own conferences.

biotechnologists and

The telecommunications



#### Birthdays today

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken. 62; Dame Peggy Ashcroft, 76; Mr James Burke, 47; Dr Alan Bush, 83; James Burke, 47; Dr Alan Bush, 83; the Right Rev Cyril Eastaugh, 86; Mr. Noel Edmunds, 35; Miss Patricia Hayes, 74; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Edgar Lowe, 78; Mr Michael Molloy, 43; Mr Chris Old, 35; the Rev Lord Sandford, 63; the Duke of Westminster, 32; Professor R. F. Whelsn, 61; Colonel W. H. Whitbread, 83; the Very Rev J. H. Wild, 79. Wild, 79.

#### Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr G. E. Moggridge, aged 54, head of information at the Export Credits Guarantee department to be information officer in the Lord Chancellor's Department, a new

Labour MP for Peterborough, who works in the public relations section in the London borough of Lewisham, to be the new director of information for the Inner London Education Authority in succession to Mr John Dodge.

Air Commodore Philip Walker, aged 47, to be Director of Public Relations (Royal Air Force) on December 24 in succession to Air Commodore Richard Miller.

The following to be deputy licutenants of Lincolnshire:
Mr C. L. Bembridge, Miss Diana M. Dixon, Mr O. R. Giles, Mr P. G. Hodgkinson, Air Vice-Marshal F D Hughes and Lady (Bridget) Maitland.

Dr Alexander Baynham, aged 47, Deputy Director (Systems), Royal Signals and Radar Establishment, Malvern, to be Director at Malvern from February 12 in succession to Mr A. Smart, who is retiring:
Mr Richard Wilding, aged 54, a
deputy secretary in the public
services sector of the Treasury, to be
head of the Office of Arts and Libraries from January 3 in succession to Mr Mark Hodges.

The following to be trustees of the



Miss Julia Cleverdon, director of education for the Industrial Society, who has been appointed the final member of the Government's new Schools nm Development Committee. Curriculum

ing several research establish-

ments in Britain is just finishing its test phase. The network, called Project Uni-

verse, links the Rutherford

Appleton Laboratory, Univer-

sity College London, Logica Marconi Research Centre

British Telecom Research

Laboratories, Cambridge and

Loughborough universities

and the Department of Trade

and Industry via the European

orbital test satellite.

## Learning Latin without tears

Ellis said.

microcomputers at the Edinius to the garden", only now, burgh Academy, an indepen-with the use of animated burgh Academy, an indepen-dent boys' school in Scotland which charges day fees of £640 a

Once a week they spend time in the computer room practis-ing Latin verbs, translation and word order with programs written for them by Mr Jeremy Fenton, head of classics. One program, "Latin Invaders", asks them to shoot down the words of a Latin sentence in the correct order for translation.
"This is not a gimmick", Mr

Laurence Ellis, rector of the academy, said. "It is a well thought out aid to teaching." Children learn the same Latin as they did before from the textbook Ecce Romani, the standard Scottish text, but they enjoy it more, he said. · For example, pupils still have to ·learn to translate such

£11m aid for

new life to

Chatham dock

The Government is setting up a Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust, with £1 im support when the Royal

Navy dockyard closes at the end of March, Mr Neil Macfarlane, Under-

Secretary of State and the Department of the Environment, has said

hair original use, others would b

Children, of 11 and 12 are sentences as, "The girls run into seven. Most testing in the learning Latin with the help of the house", or "The girls walk programs takes the form of a speed test or game.

All have been written for the

graphics, they can actually see the girls trotting about "It's the school has eight. Mr Fenton really rather charming". Mr says that Latin lends itself to computer-assisted learning because of its regularity and its Until last autumn term the microcomputers were used system of inflexions, and the experimentally for Latin. Mr speed with which a computer Fenton has now perfected his can handle tables of data.

**OBITUARY** 

Gwen Berryman, the actress

whose portrayal of Doris Archer on The Archers made her one of

the best-known and best-loved voices on radio, has died in a

Torquay hospital at the age of.

She created the part of Doris,

the shrewd, kindly, occasionally

nagging farmer's wife, in the very first episode of The

Archers, "an everyday story of country folk", which was broadcast in January 1951; and she continued to play it until ill-

health forced her retirement in

1980, to the great sadness of the

millions of listeners for whom "Doris" was almost a personal

It was a tribute to Miss Berryman that while four actors

have played her radio husband,

Dan, there was never any thought of casting another actress in her role. In the early

960s, when she was confined to hospital with arthritis, the rest of the cast came to her

bedside and though in great

pain she continued to record the

programme as usual.

She became so completely

identified with Doris that people would write to her

asking after Dan and the other members of the Archer family. Her fan mail was considerable

and she cheerfully accepted the

responsibility of being one of

the nation's most popular mother figures, though in real

life she was neither married nor,

for that matter, a country-

woman. Gwen Berryman was born in

Wolverhampton and made her first professional appearance in

a BBC broadcast from Birming-

ham in 1926. She was then a

singing student at the Birming-ham School of Music and she

later studied at the Royal Academy of Music where she

She made her acting debut in

A. P. Herbert's play, Derby Day,

at the Lyric Theatre, Hammer-

smith, when the actress she was understudying, Mabel Constan-durous, deliberately feigued

iliness to give Miss Berryman

her chance. She appeared with

won several awards.

Major-General

Burma campaign.

in 1917 and took part (with the

which had been formed to

In 1939 he was Brigade Major

Rawalpindi Brigade for a year

before going to the Western Desert and thence to Crete where he had to switch from the

Organization of its defence to its

evacuation. In 1941 he became

GSOI East Africa Force under

General Cunningham who

would always remain his hero

and exemplar for his amazing

advance through Somaliland,

Ethiopia to Eritrea, and it fell to

tion of the Emperor Haile

In 1942 he became Deputy

rank to command and reconsti-

tute the 3rd Battalion of his

Regiment which had been split

up into a number of columns on

the 1st Wingate expedition and

had returned from the raid into

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**GWEN BERRYMAN** 

BBC's Doris Archer

software and a set of eight programs is to be published shortly by Oliver and Boyd to "Such programs are not a substitute for the teacher, but an additional help, supplementing accompany Ecce Romani Book the textbook, reinforcing things done in class, giving concen-trated and tireless individual Totalling about 95k, the programs are of various kinds: practice such as a teacher cannot give to a whole class."

two use graphics to illustrate Latin sentences; two test vo-Most of the boys in the first cabulary; two look at nouns and two years at the upper school verbs; and two demonstrate use microcomputers for Latin translation techniques. One in groups of two or three program will make a reasonable Discussion is taking place in attempt at translating into Scotland about the wider use of program will make a reasonable English almost anything typed the machines in classics teachinto it to the standard of chapter ing

## Library loans to benefit authors from February

royalty payments on borrowings from public libraries in February. The amount they get will be calculated by the public in a written parliamentary reply.

As many as possible of the existing buildings will be restored to lending rights fund computer in Stockton-on-Tees. Over one millio

based on data calculated from a

sample of nearly three million

loans recorded in the first six

The Rev D Barton, Deputy Warden at the

Church news

converted and parts of the yard would be made suitable for new activities which would preserve and bring new life to it, he said. The and 7,750 authors who have registered for the scheme will be stored on the computer. A total £2m is to be shared each year complex will be open to the public.

Most of the 600-acre dockyard from the fund. There is a MOST of the GOU-acre cockyard site will be sold, leased and redeveloped by the English Industrial Estates Corporation for a mixture of industrial, commercial minimum payment of £1 for each book and a maximum limit of £5,000 for every author. The first payments have been

and residential use. But about 80 acres contain about 50 buildings or sites that have been schedoled as ancient monuments. They make up an almost intact Georgian dockyard, including Medway House, the former residence of the port admiral which, dating from 1703, is the oldest surviving Royal Navy building.

Latest wills

Sir Dennis Charles White, of Lyndhurst, Hampshire, High Commissioner for Brunei, 1959-63, left estate valued at £186,443 net. Mr Ronald William Mitchell, of St Anne's, Lancashire, left £863,723

Other estates include (net, before Beardall, Mr Cyril, of Epsor

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Campville, Staffordshire. £243,795
Hawkins, Mr Gordon Henry, of
Taunton. £364,186 Taunton £364,186 same diocese. The Rev M M Dittmer, Rector of Vatton Keynell and Castic Combo, and Biddestons with Slaughetsford, and prest-farge of Wast Kington, diocese of Bristol, to be also

## Authors will receive their first months of this year from 16

sample libraries.
The country has been divided into seven regions and represen-tative samples culled from each. When enough information is

available payments will be As each book is borrowed its label is read electronically on the local library computer. That data is transferred to the central computer, which uses the sample to estimate each author's share of the 649 million loans made each year from British public libraries.

About 182 million of those loans are books by registered authors and illustrators.

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Appointments
The Rev N W Alexander, Vicar of Frensham, diocese of Guidford, to be Vicar of St Mary's Hemshy, diocese of Norwich. The Rev J C Andrews, Curate Burnhamen-See, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Vicar of Willston same diocese. The Rev Dr E I Balley, Rector of Winterbourne, diocese of Bristol, to be also an honorary sance of Bristol Linderini, same diocese.

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ing and organizational flair he remoulded it in time to take it to the Arakan in 74 Infantry Brigade of 25 Indian Division. There, in a difficult and prolonged battle on the crest of the Mayu Range, he captured a series of strongly defended Japanese positions, the routes to which he had personally reconnoitred alone with his orderly. For this battle he was

awarded his first DSO. Promoted Brigadier, he took

Indians commanding all three aged 84, was a meticulous staff officer and a bold, courageous of its battalions and filling all its staff appointments. He led it took part in some of the most both part in some of the most butterly contested better the first battalions and filling all its staff appointments. He led it down the east of the Mayu Range using boat and animal bitterly contested battles of the transport to Akyab and thence Educated at Haileybury and Sandhurst, he was posted to the 2nd KE VII's O Gurkha Rifles by landing craft to a chaung bridgehead captured by 3rd Commando Brigade. There it took part in the

battle of Kangaw described in 2nd Battalion) in the 3rd Afghan War and the Waziristan Operations of 1919. In 1934 he the official history as "one of the bloodiest battles of the whole Burma campaign". 51 won a competitive vacancy to Brigade fought a stubborn is enemy in an exhausting and the Staff College, Camberley Staff difficult battle lasting over a Captain Eastern Bengal Area, number of weeks and in the end defeated him. For this battle he combat the Bengal terrorist was awarded a bar to his DSO.

he became, in 1947, Chief of Staff 1st Indian Corps and was later appointed Chairman of the committee dealing with the future of Gurkhas.

gained independence he served-Pakistan as Chief of the General Staff and helped to form and organize the Pakistan Army from the disorganised units and formations thrown up with little equipment from the partition of the old Indian Army. All this had to be accomplished against the background of military action along the India-Pakistan frontiers.

He retired to Devon in 1951 : where he served in the South

out his 34 years' service in the Indian Army he studied his profession continuously and assiduously. However scathing he might be to officers senior to himself, he always supported those he commanded through thick and thin and his enthusiasm, military skill and steadfastness endeared him to them. He married Margaret Feetham in 1934. She died in

1967 and he is survived by two daughters.

#### OXFORD UNIVERSITY AWARDS The following entrance awards have

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been announced by colleges Oxford University: ST JOHN'S COLLEGE Classics, Scholarships VIII S. Cores Scholarships:

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The Universe, like the Manchester world link, relies on the transmission of data at high speed. The British network is capable of sending via the satellite one million pieces of information in digital form every second.

At the end of March the project enters a new phase when the network becomes terrestrial and uses British Telecom's Megastream net-work designed for high-speed data transmission.

The research centres on the Universe link have successfully concluded experiments which have involved the remote control of robots and a range of complex data and videotex.



## Other university news

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G. Diacogiannis has been appointed a lecturer in management.

#### Director of Military Intelligence in New Delhi as a brigadier, but in 1943 he stepped down in

Devon Home Guard, the Devon Army Cadet Force and the Devon Committee of the British Legion. He became a Deputy Lieutenant of his Reggie Hutton was a dedicated soldier and through-

#### HENRY INLANDER

Henry Inlander, the Expressionist painter, died suddenly in Camberwell. London, on December 15. He was 58. Inlander's highly individual

manner of perceiving his subjects won him a reputation as one of the country's most original postwar Expressionists, and his work is exhibited at the Tate. He was born in Vienna and

came to England in 1938 when his family left Austria in the aftermath of the Anschluss. After the war he went to the Camberwell School of Art and from 1949 he spent three years at the Slade School. In 1952 he won the Prix de Rome and so began a connexion with Italy that was to last all his life.

He spent two years at the British School in Rome and continued teaching and advising in Italy, at the same time establishing himself in a studio in the village of Anticoli in the though he also taught at the

Camberwell School and spent periods in Canada and the USA. he spent his summers and autumns, and it was the valleys and the looming hillside of Anticoli which played such an important part in shaping his vision as a landscape painter.

He exhibited at intervals, at first with the Leicester Galleries, and laterly with the New Art Centre, His landscapes were noted for their swirling paint ... and richness of colour and perhaps his handling is seen at its most characteristic in studies such as "Olive Trees, St Remy". "Stormy Mountainside" and "Flooded Meadow".

A Harkness Fellowship in

America in 1960 and a year in Canada in 1969 brought him into contact with American painting but the influence on him was only that of confirming him in his own principles, and he was always most at home in Anticoli where he was well hills to the east of Rome. Here, known and liked by the locals. He leaves a widow, Antonia.

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MERTON COLLEGE

Service in 1948. Two years later she successfully auditioned for the part of Doris Archer and for the next 30 years it became her full-time occupation, not only as an acting job but a consider-able piece of public relations for she was in continuous demand to make personal appearances and support charities.

During 1980 she suffered two serious strokes and it became clear that she would not be well enough to continue. By this بينها أثب time she was living in a nursing - in the

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home in Torquay, though she had continued to travel to Birmingham for the programme In October that year Doris died peacefully in her armchair at Brookfield Farm and the mourning was not only for the character but for the courageous and unassuming actress who had played her for so long. On that particular evening the BBC paid its own tribute to her by ending the episode of The Archers not with its usual signature tune, but with "The day, Thou gavest, Lord, is ended", Doris's favourite hymn. Gwen Berryman was ap-

Bright Side and spent 14 years

in repertory in Wolverhampton

Her first important radio part

was in a serialization of Arnold Bennett's novel, The Old Wives' Tale, which was broadcast live in the BBC Midlands Home

and other theatres in

Gracie Fields in Look on the pointed MBE in 1981.

MAJ-GEN R. A. HUTTON

Reginald over 51 Infantry Brigade in the Antony Hutton, CTE, DSO, same division. This was the first OBE, DL, who died yesterday "all Indian" Brigade with

After the liberation of Malaya

After India and Pakistan

Retail boom ocontinue Mospring' distribution of the second of

Index at

772 peak

the important 770 mark yester-day, helped by renewed selective support for leading equities. It closed the day 2.2 points up at an all-time high of 772.0.

Bid speculation produced

good gains among the merchant banks and discount houses,

where Kleinwort Benson was the subject of an abortive dawn raid.

The shares ended the day 56p

A firmer pound also provided late support for gitts, which, having been unchanged most of the day, closed with rises of

higher at 423p.

## FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

**Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet** 

## Why Merrill Lynch is thundering after Wedd

and those bought paid for. Most brokers

will allow an extension of a week or two in

special circumstances, but the facility is

usually for favoured clients. The 834,300

shares of Geny Oil, 374,900 shares of

Motorola and 553,200 shares of National

Semi Conductor Pastor had sold were not

delivered on time but Merrill agreed to

Lloyds Bank or Manufacturers & Traders

Trust would deliver the shares. Merrill waited until September 26 before accept-

ing that it would have to buy the shares in

at a loss. Within days Merrill sued Pastor

It was not until October that Merrill

discovered that Pastor had been trading

through Wedd, Durlacher. Using brokers

like Salomon Brothers and Bear Stearns,

Wedd, Merrill claims, was able to buy in

the same shares at a price substantially

below that which would have "otherwise

prevailed." Merrill also alleges that Wedd

claimed to be acting as principal, dealing

for its own account, when, in fact, it was

dealing for Pastor.

The basis of Merrill's allegations is a

memo Mr Rochester went to the executive committee of Wedd, dated June 7, 1983.

In it, Mr Rochester asks why Pastor was

dealing through Wedd when it could have

dealt direct. Why pay "high Com-missions" for the privilege of dealing through WDM? "Pastor does not want to

disclose his hand as a large dealer to any

had hot money and was laundering it at

arm's length from the IRS (International

Revenue Service); whether Pastor was

trading at arm's length from the Securities

Exchange Commission, (unlikely); why Pastor was so anxious to keep WDM at

arm's length; and why Bankers Trust

WDM partners and employees had

already raised the question of why Pastor

was using Wedd and had discussed

"various improper and illegal motives that

might underly Pastor's trading through WDM," the jobbers continued to execute

In Wedd's counter memorandum the

jobbers argue that the very existence of the

memo proves that they were not aware of

any irregularity and in fact the memo

"supports an inference exactly opposite that for which it is tendered by Merrill

Although neither company was pre-

pared to comment yesterday, it is clear

that Pastor met its commitments to Wedd:

it paid for all the shares that Wedd purchased on its behalf. The fact that

WDM was kept at "arm's length"

indicates, in Wedd's view, that it was not

privy to whatever the Pastor was doing to

which Merrill has taken legal exception.
In the normal course of American legal

actions of this kind Judge Carter will

either dismiss Merill's action against

Wedd, and Merrill sustain the loss; or he

won't, in which event an out-of-court settlement would probably be reached.

it is a pity that leading institutions in New York should have their horns locked with

London's leading jobber. It might have helped had the Wedd partners agreed to

the suggestion from their former senior

partner, Mr R. S. Wilkins (now 70 and in

as good form as ever) that he should act as

Whatever the final judgment in the case

large purchase orders on Pastor's behalf?

Merrill also asked why if, in June,

Mr Rochester also asks whether Pastor

Pastor said that National Westminster,

grant an extension.

Memo sent

US brokerage bouse."

stopped clearing for Pastor?

No comments

Lynch.

Securities.

Earlier this month America's biggest which time shares sold have to be supplied investment brokers, Merrill Lynch The Thundering Herd-submitted and affidavit by Judge Robert Carter, presiding in the Southern District Court of New York. The affidavit throws new light on why Merrill Lynch and the equally eminent Wall Street house, Lehman Brothers, Kuhn Loeb are suing London's premier stock jobbers, Wedd Durlacher, Mordaunt for a total of just under \$15m (£10,6m).

The documents trace the operations of Pastor Securities, which have left Wall Street and European institutions with depts well in excess of \$25m (£17.7m). Pastor Securities, an American subsidiary of a Spanish company owned by Peruvians, sold 1.7 million "blue chip" shares it did not own on Wall Street in the expectation that they would fall in price; the shares would then be bought back at a

The shares, in Getty Oil, Motorola and National Semi Conductor (NSM), rose sharply in price leaving Pastor with an open commitment to the American brokers, principally Merrill Lynch, who had acted for Pastor. The company could not supply Merrill with the shares sold on its behalf and to meet its own commitments Merrill had to buy them in at the higher prices prevailing, resulting in Merrill's suffering a net loss of \$12.25 million dollars (£8.7m), and Lehman Brothers, Kuhn Leob \$2.7m (£1.9m) – a combined total of \$15m.

At about the same time, between August 24 and September 19, Pastor had commissioned Wedd Durlacher to buy through other leading Wall Street brokers 784,400 Motorola, Getty Oil and NSM shares. This was a million shares fewer than Pastor had sold short and none of them found their way to Merrill Lynch or Lehman Brothers. Neither the chief executive of Pastor Securities, Mr Rafael Pastor, nor the shares have been seen

#### Accounts opened

Merrill Lynch is claiming that the president of Wedd's US operations, Mr David Rochester, formerly with Cazenove and now an employee of Merrill, was doubtful about Mr Pastor's bona fides late therefore allege that Wedd June. It is therefore allegg that Wedd "knew or was reckless in disregarding the fact that transactions which were effected by Wedd Durlacher were part of a scheme to defraud Morrill Lynch, Pearce, Fenner & Smith and that Wedd Durlacher's participation in the scheme was essential to its fulfilment and, indeed, but for such participation by Wedd Durlacher the scheme could not have been effected."

Wedd strenuously denies the allegation which is basically centered on the evidence afforded by Mr Rochester. The English firm is seeking to have Merrill's case dismissed for being technically incorrect in presentation and because Wedd claims that at no time did it have knowledge that would cause it to suspect the nature of Mr Pastor's stock market

trading activities.

The story really began last spring. Mr
Paster opened accounts with both Merrill
Lynch and Webb. Durlacher. He then claimed to be a portfolio manager for wealthy European and South American families and an executor of "block" share transactions for major European and South American banks.

From that time until August Mr Pastor's market activities were cloaked by his having major firms deal against each other, In some instances, Merrill claims, he was buying and selling the same shares simultaneously.

The New York Stock Exchange has a

five-day account period, at the end of

## with two producers By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

companies. Woodhouse and Rixson (Holdings) and Inco Alloy Products, have agreed outline terms for the combining of their businesses into a new

#### in Kleinwort Benson raid An attempt by unknown London subsidiary which Middle East investors to build manages portfolios for private subsidiary which to let the dust settle and see what happens." At Kleinwort, Benson, Lord

Middle East buyers foiled

US - Italian agreement: Carlo de Benedetti, Olwetti chairman (left), with Charles Brown, A T & T chairman (right) and James

**AT&T takes 25%** 

stake in Olivetti

From John Earle, Rome

American Telephone and approximate value of \$250m.

The agreement also provides

AT & T's participation is being arranged through the issue of 100 million new shares.

The Americans have under

taken not to increase their

predicted at his year-end news conference on Tuesday that 1983 would turn out to be a

banner year for Americans.
Although the projected fig-

ures are sharply lower than the

third-quarter growth of 7.6 per

cent, they none-the-less represent a healthy growth, especially when coupled with

the Government's new inflation

figures, also released yesterday.

Lloyd & Scottish, the finance

house controlled by Lloyds Bank with Royal Bank of

Scotland a minority share-

holder, reported a big recovery

in profits yesterday
Despite substantially higher

bad debt provisions, pretax profits jumped from £12.3m to £22.4m in the year to Septemb-

er 30 and the annual dividend is

unchanged at 3.87p net a share.

A change in accounting

for joint development

American ownership.

syndicate.

with a new Olivetti- taken not to increase their designed product - about which investment in Olivetti for four

US expects 4.5% growth

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The American economy is news for President Reagan, who

up 2 10 per cent stake in Kleinwort, Benson, Lonsdale, holding company for one of the City's top merchant banks, fuelled speculation yesterday

yesterday morning offering up to 395p for shares in Kleinwort, Benson's, 28p above the pre-vious night's closing price. However the sortic came unstuck as the shares rose quickly above the offer price and Messel is believed to have managed to buy only about 200,000.

The shares closed up 56p at 423p, valuing the bank at £229m. Messel was acting for TWH Investment, a company registered in Netherlands An-tilles with a wholly-owned

**Panelsets** 

deadline

on bid for

**EagleStar** 

By Our Financial Staff

The City Takeover Panel

yesterday set a deadline of 4,30pm on December 30 for the final bidding in Britain's biggest

ever takeover battle for Eagle

The deadline was imposed

after a full meeting of the 13-member panel, chaired by Mr Martin Jacomb, vice-chairman

Mr John Hignett, director

general of the panel, had called

the meeting in a bid to resolve

problems caused by the compet-

ng bids from the West German

The panel was forced to

announce the deadline and an

amendment to its rules because

of the unique nature of the

bidding. The problems have

been caused because the rival

bidders have remained in the

BAT Industries has the

highest offer on the table with a

675p per share cash offer

valuing Eagle Star at £934m, Allianz has offered 66p per share, which is worth £920m.

bidder is not allowed to revise a

takeover offer after the forty-

sixth day after posting the last

However, the panel has

smended its rules so that each

of the bidders is able to

announce details of its final

offer on the forty-sixth day (December 30) rather than posting them to shareholders

The panel will police the bids

by insisting that it should be given details of any offer at least 30 minutes before they are

released to the Stock Exchange.

The final date for posting the offer details will be deferred

The panel said vesterday that

no further execptional pro-visions would be over the bid

unless more execptional cir-

On the stock market. Eagle

Star shares rose by 70 to 7290, as dealers anticipated a fresh spate of bidding for Eagle Star.
Shares of BAT ladustries,

which welcomed the decision to

resolve the uncertainty sur-

founding the timing of the

until January 4.

cumstances arose,

of two competing offers.

Under takeover rules. a

battle for Eagle Star for so long.

insurer, Allianz Versicherungs, and BAT Industries.

Star Holdings.

of Kleinwort Benson.

clients in the Middle East.
TWH said yesterday that it owned 2.82 million shares or 5.2 per cent of Kleinwort. Benson but denied that the over the next big development in the financial markets.

Massel & Co. the stockbroking firm, moved into the market holder in TWH said the stake in

Kleinwort, Benson had been bought on behalf of a couple of Middle East clients resident in the Gulf who were also share-holders in TWH. He said the clients wanted an

investment in a top quality merchant bank and they had known Kleinwort. Benson for some time. He sald there was no intention to make a bid.

Telegraph is to take a 25 per

cent share in Olivetti, Italy's

data processing company, through a \$260m (£183m) issue

of Olivetti shares under a wide-

ranging industrial and commer-

cial agreement between the two

Signor Carlo de Benedetti,

Olivetti's chairman, said in

Rome yesterday that the deal

was "the biggest minority

investment ever made by an

American company outside the

The two groups will distri-

bute each other's products in their respective markets. Olivetti

will supply AT & T, over a 12-

month period from mid-1984,

no details were given - to an

expected to grow at an annual

rate of 4.5 per cent in the final

quarter of the year, continuing

its year-long recovery from the

most severe recession since the

1930's, the Commerce Depart-

Release of the department's preliminary "flash estimate" of the fourth-quarter gross

national product marked a day

of extremely good economic

ment reported yesterday.

United States".

Rockley, a director of the merchant bank, took a relaxed view. "We know the people who are behind the purchase of the shares. They are longstanding banking customers", he said.

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Lord Rockley said he befieved the stake was simply an investment and was not worried about the possibility of a bid.
"We are satisfied with their
respectability," he added.
He would not be drawn on

the bank's plans to cope with the shake-up in the City and financial markets. "We've financial markets. "We've formulated a lot of ideas and we've never publicly sired them. We'll just have to see how Asked whether they would be buying more shares, Mr Watson said: "I have no idea, that depends on my clients. I should think the apporoach would be the share shares and when they get implemented." Lord Rockley said.

Kleinwort, Benson's disclosed profits have slipped from £22,9m in 1980 to £20.0m last

year and are likely to be lower again in 1983,

The Bank of England takes a close interest in ownership of merchant banks and in 1972 it issued a notice in effect saying that its permission was required before foreign companies bought more than 15 per cent in a merchant bank.

"It is understood that banks will consult the Bank on all proposals for participations exceeding 15 per cent as early as possible and before any formal negotiations is undertaken; and that they will accept the Bank's ruling in each case and take no irrevocable steps in the meantime." the notice said.

Although the Bank might take a more relaxed view in the present climate, it is unlikely that would sanction a contested takeover of a merchant bank.

#### Judge rules on NCB pension fund

A High Court ruling yester-

The ruling was made in chambers during interim proceedings in the Chancery Division by Mr Justice Vinelott and may possibly lead to a full trial. Because of this, lawyers for the National Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers, the two parties involved; declined to comment and the ruling has not been made public.

The case was brought by the NCB's five trustees on the pension fund to seek permission to go ahead with an investment in a US company. The NUM's five trustees had argued that they needed time to consider the issue, but the court has been told that because of the necessity of a quick decision on the investment a court ruling was required.

Signor de Benedetti has thus respected assurances, given to to make the investment under the French Government, that its previous strategy which is shares released by the recent reduction in French holdings (from the 33 per cent stake of being continued because the NUM refuses to meet of discuss a new programme. Saint Gobain and Bull to the 10

The fund's trustees have per cent now held by CIT-Alcaalways refused to reveal details tel) would not pass into of their investment plans because, they say, stock markets Control of Olivetti will could be adversely affected if remain in the hands of an the fund's intentions were italian-controlled shareholders'

> decisions by the Trades Union Congress to support its case, argues that it is wrong for the fund to invest in certain overseas companies and in industries which compete with

oil shares. The eventual outcome of yesterday's High Court ruling could be that the NUM will change its policy and begin discussions with the other trustees on a new investment

By David Young Energy Correspondent

dispute over the running of the National Coal Board's £2 billion pension fund.

The pension fund had wanted

known in advance.

No details of the investment involved in the High Court case have been released, but it is understood that the non-NUM trustees are anxious to continue the present policy of investing in the US bond market and in

# about 25p. On the foreign exchanges the pound gained 30 points to close at \$1.4225. Market report, page 15

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 772.0 up 2.2 FT Gilts: 82.93 up 0.23 FT All Share: 458.05 up 4.18 Bargains: 20,005 Datastream USM Lauden Index:95.5 up 0.4 New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average:

Average: (latest) 1248.27 up 6.30 Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9717.85 up 89.72 Hongkong: Hang Sang Index 857.56 down 0.97 Amsterdam: 156.3 up 1.2 Sydney: AO index 758.2 up

Frankfurt: Commerzbank index 1024.9 up 3.7 Brussels: General Index 98.36 up 0.18 Paris: CAC Index 149.7 up

Zurich: SKA General Index310.10 up 2.20

**CURRENCIES** 

#### LONDON CLOSE Sterling

\$1.4225 up 35pts index 82,3 up 0.4 DM 3.9450 up 0.0175 FrF 12.03 up 0.0450 Yen 344.25 down 1.0 Index 130.9 up 0.1

DM 2.7715 up 0.0003 NEW YORK LATEST **Sterling \$1.4235** INTERNATIONAL

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#### INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9 Finance houses base rate 9% Discount market loans week fixed 9-8% month interbank 91/18-97/18

Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 109/16-109/18 3 month DM 69/8-61/4 3 month Fr F 137/6-1311/16

**US** rates Bank prime rate 11.00 reasury long bond 100%-100%

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme Average reference rate for interest period November 2 to December 6, 1983 inclusive: 9.350 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am \$378.25 pm \$378.75 close \$378-378.76 (£265.25-

New York (latest): \$378.00 Krugerrand" (per coin): \$389-389.50 (2273-274) Sovereigns" (new): \$88.25-89.25 (£62-62.75) \*Excludes VAT

24 weeks

NEWS IN BRIEF

# **Retail boom** 'to continue

The rise was most marked among retailers, with a smaller increase noted by wholesalers. A balance of 33 per cent of distributors are optimistic about business conditions over the next three months again

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forged ahead in early trading on the New York Exchange with the Dow Jones industrial average rising 7.5 points to 1249. Volume was about 18 million shares in the first 45

capital business set up by Exco International and British and Commonwealth Shipping has invested much of its initial £6m of finance in four companies. Fisdec specializes in financial

# BSC in £2.4m merger

Britain's retail boom is set to continue at least until next spring according to the results of the latest survey of the distributive trades by the Confederation of British Industry.

Britain's three main producers of ferrous rolled rings, used mostly for railway wheel tyres, have agreed to a £2.4m compensation plan for the retionalization of the sector under a scheme that will lead to what the privatization of another of the British Steel Corporation's activities.

The BSC and the trade in producers of ferrous rolled rings, used mostly for railway wheel tyres, have agreed to a £2.4m compensation plan for the retionalization of the sector in the privatization of another of the British Steel Corporation's activities.

By Andrew Cornelius

reveal the price it received for the loss-making business, but indicated that the deal brings to

£80m the proceeds from the sale

of businesses since its recovery

programme was launched in 1981.

resources division and a lawyer.

said yesterday that among the

priorities would be an expan-

Mr Brian Hoare, the former

sion of overseas sales.

company to be called United

Lazard Brothers, the merwhen the deal is completed, leaving the BSC with 75 per cent of the new company worth about £10.5m.



#### Profit leap Polly Peck to raise £5m at Lloyds & Scottish Polly Peck, the international By Our Banking Correspondent

trading group headed by Mr Asil Nadir, yesterday an-nounced plans to raise £5m to finance its expansion pro-Mr Nadir plans to raise the

money by placing shares, about 3 per cent of the equity, with unnamed Middle East associates who have agreed to take them up.

Shareholders are to receive a scrip issue on the basis of niner-one to encourage demand for the shares. The proposals require the consent of shareholders at the

annual meeting on January 12.

Mr Nadir said the placing of the shares - the maximum

allowed - removed the expense of a rights issue.

News of the placing clipped 50p from the price at

policy for regional development grants on leased assets has boosted profits by £2.3m and the previous year has been restated upwards by £1.6m but Lloyds & Scottish is falling in line with the generally accepted

practice.
Lloyds Bank has long wanted to buy out Royal Bank's 39.3 minority stake in the finance house, but has been unable to reach agreement on price. However, on Tuesday Lloyds raised its stake in Royal Bank to 21.3 per cent to strengthen its bargaining position to gain the rest of Lloyds & Scottish.

Lloyds & Scottish is one of Britain's biggest finance houses and is particularly strong in hire purchase. It has been helped by lower interest rates, which averaged 1.6 percentage points less during 1982-83

The previous year profits were depressed by heavy financing costs of two acquisitions, Bowmaker and Hamilton Leasing. But a £70.5m rights issues this year helped to reduce that

The group's gross assets rose by about a quarter from £2.09 billion to £2.56 billion with much of the growth coming from the consumer side. However, bad debts, up on both the consumer and corporate side, are believed to have risen by

#### F.M.C. plc and Subsidiary Companies GROUP UNAUDITED RESULTS for the 24 weeks ended 15th October, 1983

SALES TO THIRD PARTIES Sales within the group 192,305 39,922 200,323 232,227 **TOTAL TURNOVER** GROUP TRADING PROFIT Profits on states of fixed seasts GROUP PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST interest on bank overdrafts and loans GROUP PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE ABSOCIATED COMPANIES Shares of associated companies' profits GROUP PROFIT/(LOSS) DEFORE
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Commenting on the results for the twenty-four weeks ended 15th October, 1983, the Charman, Mr A. P. Humphries, said: "Despite losses of approximately £400,000 incurred by the two Irish meat plants up to the dates of their disposal in this period, and extremely difficult trading conditions in the summer of 1983, group trading profits have been maintained. All trading divisions in Great Britain showed improved results. A substantial reduction in interest charges arising from lower borrowings and lower interest rates helped the group to produce a profit before tax of £104,000, an improvement of £520,000 on last year. Extraordinary items include a provision for rationalisation

The financial year-end is being changed to 31st December, 1983, to coincide with the year-end of the new parent company, Hillscown Holdings Limited, The Board of F.M.C. plc does not propose to and a dividend on the ordinary shares in respect of the current accounting reference period."

F.M.C. plc 19-23 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7NF

The survey, published today, shows there was a widespread increase in sales in November

with retailers heading the list. Blue Chip share prices BL yesterday sold its Aveling Barford construction equipment subsidiary, which employs 1,100 people at Grantham, Lincolnshire, to Mr Adrien Eschalier, an American entrep-The car group declined to

and information services and

● Du Pont, one of Northern irelands largest industrial companies, is to cut its energy bill by a quarter by converting its internal electricity generating plant in Londonderry from oil to coal, at a cost of £18m.

chant bank which put together the proposals, will acquire 12.5 per cent of United Ring shares

The scheme has been drawn up in response to the continued excess capacity in Britain for rolled rings, which also have applications in turbines and Proceeds from sales of offshoots reaches £80m

director, announced their resignations on completion of the The deal marks a milestone in BL's recovery programme by completing the sale of its peripheral activities. accompanied by a cut of 400 in

BL sells Aveling to American

BL's sales of Alvis, Prestcold, Coventry Climax and other businesses previously raised £53m, which indicates a pricetag of about £25m for Aveling. The group has shed a subsidiary which has been Mr Eschallier, a former head losing money for the past four

of Gulf & Western's mining and years. The market for Aveling's is now chairman of Aveling. He dumper trucks, road rollers and said yesterday that among the grading equipment has declined sharply although losses have been cut in recent years. Within the past 12 months

chairman of Aveling, and Mr the world market for this type of Roger Lockwood, the managing equipment has fallen by 20 per unnover \$300m each year Mr zent as orders have fallen from the construction and mining The fall in demand has been

> the Aveling workforce and increasing emphasis on export sales, which now account for two-thirds of the company's £32m annual turnover. Despite the problems Aveling has maintained its leadership in the dumper truck and road roller markets and to sustain

Mr Eschallier has indicated that there are no immediate plans to reduce the workforce at Grantham, where the company is the largest employer.

Eschallier has worked as a consultnat to several com-panies, while seeking out an opportunity to take over a BL, with the sale of Aveling is able to concentrate on meeting its pledge to begin privatizing parts of the business in the New

Year, Jaguar, Land Rover and Unipart remian favourites for

turnover \$300m each year Mr

early privatization. BL has reported its first trading profits for four years after an improved performance

from its volume cars division, where productivity has jumped by 40 per cent in the past year. The trading profits of £1.3m in the first half of this year Since leaving Gulf & Western compare with losses of £61.3m after four years running 12 in the same period last year. fessionals will be playing for almost £400.000 next season - a the standard of play should rise considerably as there will be 15 four-round stroke-play tournaments next year compared with Only one last season.

The prize money has been increased through Hitachi sponsoring a revival of the British Women's Open with a purse of £140,000 at Woburn next October. But the PGA have virtually doubled other prizes, an excellent achievement con-sidering that the women's circuit was in dire straits when they took over a year ago.

The circuit starts with the Ford Classic at Woburn in May and will go on until the middle of October. It also features a revival of the match-play championship, one Continental event - the Swedish open - and 16 pro-am tournaments.

Colin Snape, executive director of the women's PGA, said; The tremendous increase in

period reflects the growing interest in women's golf

MAY 2-5: Ford Classic, Woburn (£20,000): 17-20: Clandeboye Classic, Clandeboye (£10,000). JUNE 3: McE-wan's Lager Manchester Classic, Heaton Park (£10,000).

AUGUST 2-5: United Friendly tournament, Southport and Ainsdale (£12.500) 7-10: White Horse Whisky Chailenge, Burnham Beeches (£10,000): 14-17: Colt Cars Jersey Open, Roffal Jersey (£10,000): 23-25: Swedish Open, Molle (£17.500).

SEPTEMBER 12-14: Lorn Stewart Match play Championship, Sudbury (210.000): 24-27: Sands International, Saunton Sands (210.000).

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

#### Dreams to sustain us through the dark days

By Conrad Voss Bark

Around this time of the year fishermen ought to be tying peripatetic East Anglian, the other by my wife, and the third reading edifying books. There reading edifying books. There several kinds of edifying Ashley-Cooper. A Salmon Fish-ks but those I am thinking er's Odvssey (Witherby £14.50). pooks but those I am thinking of are those you take to bed because they will create dreams of what must be done at all cosis in the coming year. An expedition to the Highlands, to the Catskills, to Taupo? A new and infallible fly? A new method of fishing it? Perhaps none is likely to happen, but the thought will keep us going

through dark days.
The new guide books are of that category evocative of a place, of moods and feelings, as well as being instructive in a Michelin way 4 whole chapter will be devoted to one river, or even a pool in one river, with advice on flies and tackle and where and how to finish it. provoking an appetite as well as sanstying one's curiousity about far-distant places.

Three admirable books of this kind have been produced this year, two are anthologies. Books, £16.95).

large increase on the 1983 throughout Europe. With more figure. Even more important, competition, the WPGA will continue to expand." Dates and

JUNE 6-9: British Olivetti tournament, Old Thoms (210,000): 13-19: United Friendly Tournament, Hill Barn (210,000): 29-29: UBM Classic, Arcot Hall (210,000): 28-JULY 1: Guernsey Open, Royal Guernsey (£10,000).

JULY 12-14: Caldey Classic, Caldey (27.500): 25-28: J S Law Eastleigh Classc, Fleming Park (210,000).

OCTOBER 3-8: Hitachi British Women's Open, Woburn (£140,000): 10-13: Smirnott Irish Open, venue to be

West Country Fly Fishing (Batsford, £9.95) are all good Christmas reading except that the Haug guide is poor on lakes. Four fishing classics have been republished by Andre Deutsch, with pleasant laminated covers, at £5.95 each; Waller Hills's A Summer on the Test. Plunket Greene's Where The Bright Waters Meet: Chaytor's Letters To a Salmon Fisher's Sons; and C. F. Walker's Lake Flies and Their

imitation Fly fishermen are also poets There is Ted Hughes's superb poem about the sea trout in River (Faber and Faber, £10). with photographs by Peter Keen. They are also artists; and lan Niall catches the pure beauty of the line and form of C. F. Tunnicliffe in Tunnicliffe's Countryside (Clive Hollowy

Washington (AP) - Sugar Ray Leonard's first bout in his comeback action as a street about in ms consecuted after a two year lay-off will be against an American welterweight, Kevin Howard, on February 25, according to a WDVM-TV report

Hearns

Leonard

rematch

wants

The television station says that Leonard will face Howard, who is ranked eigth in the world, on February 25. The revenue Les yet to

be decided.

Leguard, the former undisputed world welterweight champion, aged 27 was forced to retire after an operation to repair a detached retina. His doctors have assured him that his eye is now completely

ealed.
Providing that Leonard comes Providing that Leonard course; through his warm-up hout successibility, a remarch against the World Boxing Council (WBC) super welterweight champion, Thomas Hearns, looks likely. But, if the bout against Hearns does take place, Leonard wants thombless gloves to be used as a wrecaution against any be used as a precaution against any further damage to his eye. Whether Leonard would also want to use thumbless gloves against Howard is not become

not known.

Hearns has himself recovered from an injury – to his right hand and is auxious for another bout against Leonard, who is the only against Leonard, who is the only man ever to beat him. Hearns attended a press conference in New York on Tuesday, to promote his first title defeace – over 12 rounds – against Luigi Minchillo, of Italy. But he had Leonard uppermost in

"I want Leonard." he said. It is not hard to see why since Hearns reckoned: "That fight would be worth \$20m." But first, Hearns will have to beat

Minchillo, the furmer European junior middleweight champion, aged 28, who has a record of 42 wins and two defeats. The venue of the bout, which is scheduled for January 27, has not been announced but it is likely to be in Lee Venue.



Leonard: doctors say his eye is completely healed

that his feared right hand is now fully operational. Hearns injured his hand when winning the world title a year ago. He acheived a points decision over the Puerto Rican Wilfredo Benitez, despite having to box the final rounds with two dislocated boxes. But Hearns, 2004 25, says he is no

dislocated bones.

But Hearus, aged 25, says he is no longer worried by his hand. Neither is he worried about Minchillo. "I don't knew anything about Minchillo at all, he said. That's best for me. If I prepared for him a certain way and he came out a different way I could be in trouble."

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Hearns, of course, knows Leonard all toe well. He believes Leonard can make a successful comehack despite the length of his lay-off and he still respects Leonard's skill. However,

Hearwa, referring to their 1981 boat for the world welterweight title, said: "I never should have lost that fight." Leonard retained the title when the referee halted the bout in the fourteenth round.

Hearns thinks that Lees the urge to return to the ring after commentating on the recent world middleweight title bout between Roberto Duran, of Panama, and the American, Marvin Hagher, in Las

Hearns said that Hagler, who retained his title by a manimous points decision, would be an easier opponent that Leonard for him. But because he wants a chance of opponent that Lemand on Leonard

# Holmes receives £16½m offer

New York (Agencies) Larry Holmes, who resigned his World Boxing Council heavyweight title last week, has been offered an estimated £16½m (\$25m) to meet the South African, Gerrie Coetzee, the World Boxing Association champion, in New York.

The deal was disclosed yesterday by John Condon, the boxing

by John Condon, the boxing president of Madison Square Garden, where the contest would be held. He said: "We'd put the fight on and take just 60 per cent of the gate. All the rest, the 40 per cent live and all the prefiliries would be to the said." and all the ancillaries would go to Holmes. We've figured Larry could come out with \$25 million."

Condon and Holmes will repor-tedly meet within the next few days. Condon added: "Larry told me be's

very interested in everything I told him and the last thing he said to me was, 'I'd like nothing better than to fight in the Garden agian.'"

If Condon's proposal is accepted, Holmes would be the Co-promoter of the bout with Madison Square Garden. The last time Holmes, who is 34, boxed in the Garden was June 22, 1979, when he stopped Mike

22 1979, when he stopped Mike Weaver in the 12th round of a title A contest between Holmes and

A contest between Holmes and Cortzee, became a possibility when Holmes was named yesterday among the WBA's top five challengers in its December rankings. Gonaldo Rivera, the WBA ranking committee's chairman, said: Holmes had specifically asked to be included in the WBA rankings.

Holmes, unbeaten in 45 bouts, gave up his WBC title because he refused to meet hat organisation's official challenger, fellow American

Bruce Page.
Holmes said he was joining the newly-formed International Boxing Federation, which is attempting to become a third world governing body for the sport.

#### Koopmans defends

Paris (AP). - The Dutch European heavyweight champion, Rudy Koopmans, will defend his title on January 12 in Marseilles against the French champion, Richard Caramono-

A country town on the doorstep of Europe How Norwich round up prize scalps like Christmas turkeys

The theory used to be that it was the genius of the former management John Bond, and his talent for spreading not much Marmite on an awful lot can say Yippee, I'm off to see Coventry play Norwich," but it was a fixture with something on Saturday. And if the two of toast, that allowed Norwich clubs did only succeed in to cling on to their improbable position in the first division. When Bond upped and went to cancelling each other out in a Manchester City in October 1980, leaving Ken Brown, his match showing more bustle than the most outree Edwardian No 2 in charge, it seemed unlikely that the usual scasonal lady of fashion, the fact remains that both clubs are still serious miracle of staying up could ever contenders for one of those treasured places in Europe after be worked again. "I've got a different approach that (I-f) draw.

to John Bond," Brown said.
"He can be very, very demand-The Coventry salmagundi of incogruous elements mixed into ing of players, and very frightening. I prefer to let players take responsibility for a harmonious whole is one of the surprises of the season. What is surprising about Norwich is not their healthy place themselves, to enjoy themselves in the first division (seventh in a responsible, not a sloppy, kind of way. John was the kind of man who used to take the before Saturday's match) but the fact that they are in the first worries of management home division at all. with him every Sunday: I vowed I would never do that.

Norwich are the top division's perennial underdogs. Football is a big city game: Norwich is a country town with a big cathedral. At this time of year Norfolk is a place more readily associated with increasingly nervous turkeys than with increasingly confident footbal-

But it seems that never a

season goes by without the collection of a few prized scalps by the Chineachgooks of Carrow Road, If Watford amazed last season, and Coventry continue to amaze this, Norwich manage to find an arrange Saturday or three every season. True, they spent much of last season walking to heel behind the relegation dogcatcher and only jumped clear at the moment he swung his net but they also did the double over Liverpool. At Norwich surprises are part of the routine.

and we were up anyway." Brown's dealings on the transfer market mostly spring from the sale of Justin Fashanu to Nottingham Forest for £1m; the days of million-pound

days that we might be talking of transfer fees for Achilles and transfer fees for acmiles and Hector. Fashanu provided cue for three £200,000 signings (Chris Woods, the goalkeeper John Deehan and Keith Besterbin

we are a small club with small squad of players, but I'm lucky with players who function in different positions. Browsays. "We have strength and depth through versatility and the smallness." there are virtues in smallness with a closer-knii group o players. We operate a man mum wage here. 100, and players who don't like it car

Being a football manager Brown expressed no surprise whatsoever in finding his team in so unexpectedly high position after their six success ive victories and one defeat in . run of 17 games. "It started with the last dozen or so games isst season when we got ourselves out of trouble. I said ourselves out of trouble. I said at the beginning of the season you can check this - that we had the ability to man a place in the ability to win a place in Europe. I don't make preductions, but I still think we're good enough,"

As the rumblings about a kind of intercity super league continue, it is pleasant to be reminded that incongruity is one of the most enjoyable elements in English football, not just in cup competitions, but also in the League, where we have such inter tity sizzlers a Manchester City, Chelsea and Sheffield Wednesday trying to head out of the second division. break out of the second division while the Norwich bumpkin are hanging on in there jus

Simon Barnes

#### IN BRIEF

But beyond that there were no

special problems in taking over.

had always worked closely

with John and know as much

as manager was to drop through

the trapdoor to the second

division, where you would expect the club to be by rights.

But next season they were back up again: "It was a real nail-

biter, that last match in our

promotion season. We needed a

draw at Sheffield Wednesday,

but they scored a winner in injury time. Then the result

from Leicester came through,

However, Brown's first trick

about the players as he did."

## McKeever turns his back on Bolton

Rod McKeever, of Bolton, one of the top scorers in basketball's lational League walked out on the lub yesterday and returned to New ersey. The American, who has been from January 2 to 7. Seeded to meet the tournament, which is organize the bolton for two seasons and veraged 27 points a gam, decided to make the final is his doubles the tournament, which is organized to make the tournament which is o Rod McKeever, of Holton, one of the top scorers in basketball's National League walked out on the club yesterday and returned to New Jersey. The American, who has been with Bolton for two seasons and averaged 27 points a gam, decided he did not want to be with a losing

Bolton have not won a match this season and their promoter, Keigh Knight, said: "It will be difficult finding a replacement at this stage of

TENNIS: Jo Durie, Britain's No I woman player, is planning to rest for a month after a successful year in for a month siter a successful year to which she has risen 16 places in the computer world rankings to eight. Miss Durle is optimistic that the next list will put her at No 6.

partner, Ben Knapp, of Gloucester-shire. Sarah Longbottom, of York-shire, is No 1 seed for the girls'

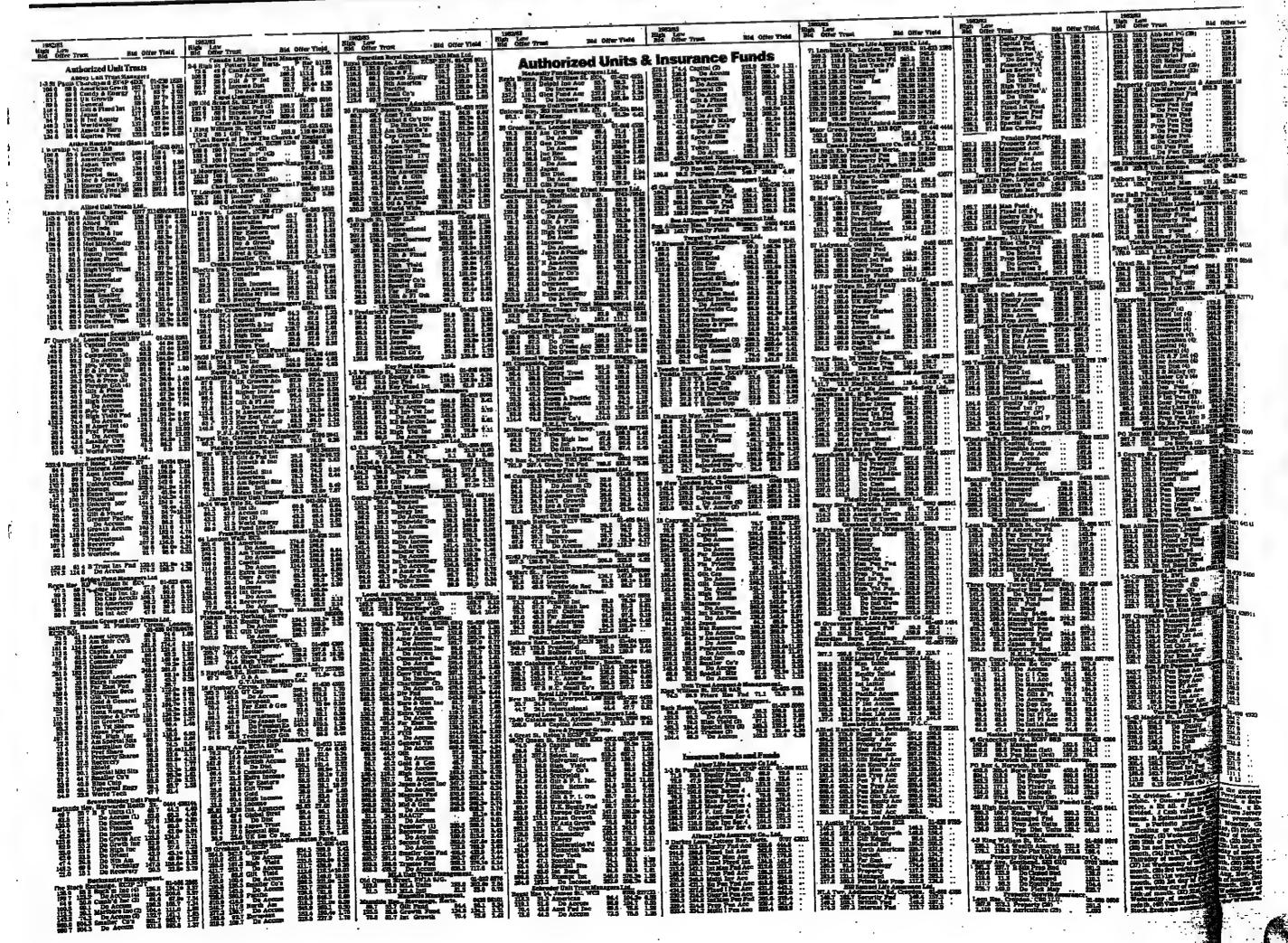
David de Miguel, of Spain, eliminated John McEaroe's young brother, Patrick. 6-1, 6-2 in the second round of the Orange Bowl under-18 tournament in Miami on Theselas McEarne a comi-finalist Tuesday, McEnroe, a semi-finalist at the Wimbledon Junior champion-ships earlier this year, was the third

GOLF: Ted Dexter, the former England cricket captain, faces a difficult start to his defence of the

finalist in 1980, in the first round the tournament, which is organize
by the Oxford and Cambrid;
Golfing Society.

OLYMPIC GAMES: The Japanes
Olympic Committee want to ste;
the 1990 Olympic Congress a
Tokyo, The last Olympic Congress
was beld in Baden-Baden, Was
Germany, in 1981. Germany, in 1981. TABLE TENNIS - The Ass

Table Tennis Union are to propos a championship involving team from European and Asian country. Union's executive committee, mor-ing in Bahrain during the first Asset junior championships, decide its proposal.



## **Hunt butt** severely punished by FA

disciplinary commission in London disciplinary comunication in London yesterday for bringing the game into disrepute. He had been sent off for bitting Steve Williams, of Southampton, in a League match at Highfield Road on November 26. Williams was taken to hospital for X-ray tests on a damaged cheek-

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Hunt has already served a twomatch ban, which is automatic after a sending off. He has also paid a £750 fine imposed on him by the Coventry manager, Bobby Gould. Gould appeared on behalf of Hunt at the three-man hearing vesterday and asked for leniency. He was accompanied to Lancaster Gate by the Coventry chairman, lan

Part of Coventry's case referred to the fact that the Birmingham defender, Noel Blake, was last month suspended for one match and fined £200 for an offence similar to Hunt's.

None of the Coventry party nor the disciplinary commission chair-man Les Mackay, would discuss the decision. But the FA's ruling seems harsh in view of Blake's punish-

Ted Croker, the secretary, said: "I dont believe the disciplinary committee's decision was at all harsh. The punishment was given after full consideration of the facts. Steve Williams had extensive injuies, it was a serious offence and

we could not ignore it.
"It was noted that the club had already taken action against Steve Hunt, but Coventry must realize that FA committees act indepen-dently. I think the punishment fitted the crime. There have been fines far in excess of £750 and will continue to be so until this violence is banished from our game".

Hunt had never sent off previously. In 1979-80 he was suspended for one match for accumulating 20 disciplinary points



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**BIGGIRSTMAS** 

# Injury-time goal deals fatal wound to Wales By Our Sports Staff Wound to Wales ahead from a pass by

Wales failed to qualify for the finals of the European Championship in France next June by virtue of a Yugoslav goal in injury time against Bulgaria in Split yesterday, With Wales Just seconds away from qualifying Radanovic, a defender scored with a header to give Yugoslavia a 3-2 victory and a place in the finals, Wales were Britains last hope of a were Britains last hope of a representative in the finals.

It was the second heartbreaking experience in a week for the Welsh manager. Mike England, who saw his team's hopes of qualifying plunge at Cardiff last Wednesday when Yugoslavia scored an 81st minute equaliser. England, who listened to the entire match vesterday with his ear cocked to a radio at his home near Prestatyn, said: "Before that

winning goal came I really thought that we were going to France. My feelings when it describe. I just felt sick, and that away in the 28th minute, passed is all I can say,"

Wales required a draw or a 1-0 Bulgaria victory for them to empty goal to give his team a 1-

qualify with certainty. But as Olead. England and the rest of us knew But they had lost their real susic rekindled Yugoslav hopes opportunity at Cardiff last with a right foot shot from 12 the elegant Susic. outstanding Susic, who plays for Paris St then, who made the most telling Germain, put Yugoslavia 2-1



England: heartbroken contribution against Bulgaria

with two goals in the 31st and 52nd minutes, France. My feelings when it Iskrenov capped several fine went in are impossible to Bulgarian efforts when he broke

But just three minutes later, week. Not surprisingly it was yards that went in off the post. Susic, who plays for Paris St

YUGOSLOVIA: Simovic: Peruzovic, Jesle, Katanec, Bazdarevic, Radanovic, Zlatko Vujovic, Suske, Zoran Vujovic, Gudelj, Sub (Hallovic), Minaric. BULGARIA: Mihallov; Strakov, Arabov, Petrov, Dimitrov, Zdravkov, Iskranov, Sadkov (sub Borisov), Gochev, Gospodnov, Miadenov (sub Danov).

don't think Graham will be leaving Watford, I've talked to him about

every intention of doing just that. Presson North End are not in a

hurry to appoint a successor to Gordon Lee, who was dismissed with his assistant. Geoff Nulty, on

Tuesday.

ahead from a pass by Vujovic. The Bulgarian captain Dimi-trov. made it 2-2 seven minutes

later. A free kick by Gospodi

nov from 20 yards was deflected by Simovic and Dimitrov picked up the rebound to score

Desperately looking for the

winning goal, the Yugoslavs

succession but they lacked the

There were some dangerous moments in front of the Bulgarian goal in the closing

minutes, as the Yughslavs

surged forward. The decisive

goal resulted from the Yugoslavs last effort, Vujovic crossing from the left and

Bulgarian goalkeeper stranded.

The goal brought pande-monium as Yugoslav players rejoiced with their 40,000 fans,

leaving

forgot about their own defence leaving the Bulgarians with plenty of space. They duley created chances in rapid

easily from close range.

final punch.

Radanovic

## Toshack in line for swift return

John Toshack, the former new contract with the club early in for the Caribbean, Mr John said: "I ago. Swansea's search for a successor to Toshack has lost momentum following Colin Appleton's decision to remain at Hull. Preliminary talks have already taken place between Toshack and Sharpe, Swansea's new chairman. A decision is expected today but if Toshack is persuaded to return it will almost certainly be at a salary varily reduced from the reputed £48,000 he was on when he

resigned on October 29. Brian Clough, the Nottingham Forest manager, is expected to sign a

Rio de Janeiro (Agencies) - Two men were reported to have been

arrested in connection with the theft

of the Jules Rimet Trophy, the

original World Cup, here on Monday night.

the suspects were janitors who until recently worked at the headquarters

of the Brazilian FA, where the trophy was on permanent display. The Rio de Janeiro State Bank, who

insured the trophy, have offered a £5,000 reward for its recovery. It is feared that the trophy might

he melted down at one of the many clandestine foundries that operate in

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Television networks alleged that

Swansca City manager, is close to rejoining the club he left 52 days ago. Swansca's search for a successor' to Toshack has lost suitable. Clough's present contract expires in July. Elton John, Watford's chairman.

vesterday he believed it was unlikely that Graham Taylor would be leaving to take up the vacant position at Highbury.

Taylor, who guided Watford from
the fourth division to runners-up in

the first last season, was quoted among the front runners for the Arsenal job, following the dismissal the manager, Terry Neill.
But as he left Heathrow Airport World Cup: 'two held'

41b of gold worth about \$13,900.

a handed intruder entered the

huilding on Monday night, tied and

contradictory and said they sus-pected an "inside job".

#### control for the Boxing Day match against Port Vale. Oxford put up prices

The nightwatchman at the Brazilian FA offices told police that Oxford United have again put up prices for their home match sealinst Everton in the all-ticket quarter-final of the Milk Cup next month, guarantecing themselves record receipts for the fifth time this blindfolded him, opened the bullet-proof glass display case and stole the trophy. Police called his story Ground admission charges go un

from £3 to £4 and stand scats by 50p to £8, but the club are auctioning only 200 stand seats after being criticised for putting up to the highest bidders 1,000 ground seats for the replay against Manchester Guilite Continho, chaleman of the

#### Brazilian FA, said that if the trophy did not reappear be would order an exact replica to be reproduced from Birmingham might sell

Harford to raise money

Birmingham City are prepared to has got more so than ever. There is sell their leading scorer. Mick no doubt about it. Harford, in an attempt to raise cash for new signings. Their manager. Ron Saunders, hinted at a price of £250,000 when he said yesterday. The last thing I want to do is to sell our better players, but it is the only way to bring in the two or three fresh faces we need.

Birmingham have taken only four points from their last 10 League games, but have produced better form in the Milk Cup, in which Harford scored his ninth goal of the season at St Andrew's on Tueday, night to force a replay with Liverpool at Antield tonight.

Harford. Saunders's first big signing for Birmingham, in March, 1982, saved the club from relegation

with nine goals in his first 12 games. The Sunderland-born forward has made three six-figure moves -Lincoln City to Newcastle United for £180.000, Newcastle to Bristol City for £160.000, and Bristol to Birmingham for £110,000. The Birmingham forward, Hop-kins, is expected to return for the replay. Hopkins, who has finished a

three-match suspension, scored two goals in his last game, when Birmingham beat Notis County in a second replay in the third round of the Milk Cup. He is likely to come in for Kuhl, although Gayle starts a night's game and could be left out After Tuesday night's game, the Liverpool manager, Joe Fagan, said: Against every team we have met this season, we know that if we don't how lighting spirit we are out it

no doubt about it.
"Nowadays there is no easy draw. Every manager seems to have a different attitude now. The organization and will to win seem greater than ever. But I am not against it, it

Even though Liverpool relin-quished a first-half lead, secured by Souness's 50th goal for the club. Fagan was not too unhappy. "I always dreaded coming here as a player because we always got licked out of sight." he said. "It is a place most clubs hate to

come to. They give you nothing and ou generally go home crying. At least we are not crying. We all agree it was a fair result."

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS** 

European Super Cup Second Leg ABERDEEN (0) 2 HAMBURG

MILK CUP FOURTH ROUND

FOURTH ROUND
BERBENGHAM (1) LIVERPOOL (1)
ISTHIMAN LEAGUE: Cup, third round:
Bishop's Stortlord 3, Metropolitan Police 1,
Premier division: Histrian 1, Slough 1;
Postponed: Hendon v Billentay, Stantes
Wognor Regis, Worthing v Duwich Histriat,
Wycombe Wanderers v Hayes, Secend
division: Grays 3, Corinthan-Casuala 1;
postponed: Horsham v Egham, Leyton
Wingats v Dorlong, Rainham v Tring, St Albens
v Ware. v Ware. EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGURE: Saffron Warden 7. Thetford 0. ESSEX THANKESSIDE TROPHY: Postponed: Barlong v Leytonstone and literd.

#### Malvern and Chigwell break up on good terms Schools football by George Chesterton

Westminster came back well to draw 2-2 and put a satisfactory end to an improved season. Charter-house only lost early in the term to Malvera, who went undefeated for

Malvera, who went undefeated for the second year running.
Forest fought back feverishly against Chigwell. Three goals down at half time, they eventually lost 3-4. In C Ellott they had one of the outstanding players of the year.
Chigwell ended on a high note, winning the public schools six-a-side competition. In this, as he had throughout the term, R. Tapper throughout the term, R Tapper

played a vital part.

Bolton lost 0-4 in their key match with Manchester Grammar School. It was not as one-sided as the score suggests and a few days later Bolton proved their worth by beating

QEGS Blackburn were as always QEGS Blackburn were as always a power to be reckoned with; three of their players - N Watson, C Dolderson and D Hunter - were selected to represent the public schools against an FA XI on Monday.

Hallon, a streets which we encourage another young team.

Millfield had a good season, with R Bail in goal and N Gates outstanding. They finished their season with a 6-1 win over Forest and last week reached the final of

pleased to draw 44 with QEGS in their last match even if the equalizer had to come from a penalty in injury time. Their young side gave them encouragement for next year.

The inter-insular rivals, Elizabeth College Guernsey and Victoria College Guernsey and Victoria College Jersey, fought out a 4-4 Shrewsbury were College Guernsey and Victoria which I

The Christmas term ended in a spate of local derbies. In the Westminster-Charterhouse match the Carthusians have been dominant in recent years, but this year defence.

Malvern's 10 school wins in-cluded a 3-1 win over their old rivals Repton.

Bradford won nine of their 14 schools matches, including their first win at Shrewsbury in 22 years and their first against Repton sce

1977. Somewhat surprisingly they lost their last match against lost their last match against Highgate whose young and inex-perienced side must have been much encouraged by this result. Eton went eight games in midseason without conceeding a goal and had the rare experience for a

school side of playing under lights.
This was in the final of the
Berkshire County Cup, in which
they lost 1-0 to Upton GS.
Aldenham snatched a win against the run of play in their mach with Eaton, a success which will

the taxes

## More silver for the jaded

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By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent The Football League yesterday

The Football League yesterday squeezed a new trophy, the Associate Members Cap, into the fixture list. The tournament, for third and fourth division clubs, designed to enlive the second half of the season and to enrich the poor, will begin in February and end seven rounds later in May.

In listening to the cry for financial assistance, the League has ignored the voice of reason raised by Sir Norman Chester and his committee

"The problem is whether such a limited competition would prove attractive," the committee reported. "This season's experience with the Football League Trophy does not appear to indicate it has crowd-palling power." Indeed, The total of spectators who attended the 55 Trophy marches could almost have fronky matches could almost have been accommodated in Wembley Stadium. The average attendan was only 2,000 and fewer than 7,00 watched the semi-final and final.

watched the semi-linal and final.

The report added: "Any marked gains, except for possible spousor-ship money, would be confined to the clubs who reach the final stage." Under the kneck-set formula of the cep, which has yet to attract a sponsor, at least 20 teams will be involved for no more than 90 minutes.

The 48 clubs, divided neatly into North and South, will play the first round in the week beginning February 20 and the second three weeks later. The two highest scoring losers in each region will join the six survivors in the third round. The two finalists will eventually meet at the end of Man roundship in a correct this and I'm pretty certain that he will be staying. He has a contract to honour and as far as I know be has end of May, probably in a neutral forst division studium.

Sir Norman's committee also felt that "these additional fixtures would have to be fitted into an already full list. . . . It would mean clubs playing two bome games within a week and recent experience appears to show that one or the other would be poorly attemted." Staged in front of an apathetic

Alan Kelly, the reserve team manager who has bad temporary charge on three previous occasions in similar circumstances, will be in Stages in front of an apatient public before the beginning of the season, the Trophy offers one startling example. The terraces of Hartlepool were sprinkled with 962 spectators for their tie against Hull City and, four days later when Bradford City were their visitors, the attendance was 655.

The new competition will merci fully not be stretched by replays the provision of extra time and then penalties will take care of that numbing possibility - but the schedule of Oxford United, for instance, is already beginning to bulge beyond reasonable limits. As clear leaders of the third division they must be favourites to win the Yet, with more than half their

League matches still to come, they have already completed 31 games and could end up by playing aver 70. Jim Smith, their manager, said that he "did not mind about how many cups we are lighting for because you don't get jaded when you're

He should beware. Oxford, who are in the lifth round of the Milk Cup and the third round of the FA Cup, are now aiming in four directions. And last season's evidence suggests that the busiest teams are not the most successful. Sheffield United and Bradford

City, each with 60 matches, led the third division in stamina but finished halfway down the table. Brentford, Lincoln City and Newport County, played 59 games with nothing to show for their durability. th, the champions, con pleted only 50.

A similar picture was paint across the fourth division, where the playing staffs are the slenderest of all. Port Vale, with 49 games gained promotion, but Northampton Town, 58, and Peterborough United and Tranmere Rovers each with 57, went surewarded. Hartlepool, involved in 56, had to safler the indignity of eeking re-election.

Since the average third division quad contains 19 professionals and bose in the fourth division only 15, resources are limited enough as it is. Smith and his fellow managers may welcome the extra income, but their fear of injuries is sure to increase.

The revenue generated is likely to threadbare anyway. How many of Oxford's supporters, who have so far been treated to cup victories over Manchester United, Newcastle United and Leeds United, would willingly travel to, say, Rochdale on a wet February night? Sir Nrman would not be alone in thinking, "Not

#### Ardiles in line for return

Osvaldo Ardiles is ready for his first full appearance for Tottenham Hotspur for nearly a year, against Arsenal at White Hart Lane on Boxing Day. He returned from a spell with Paris St Germain last season, was involved in a regis-tration muddle, and managed only four appearances before suffering a serious shin injury against Man-chester City in February.

Tottenham's assistant manager Peter Shreeves, said: "He's now had five preparation games, for after coming on at Manchester United he coming on at Manchester United he played the next day in the reserves against Chelsea, and then on Monday in a friendly at Stansted.

"He's in the squad for the Christmas period, looks fit and well, and has a very good chance of playing against Arsenal."

Mabbutt, out for the last nine games with a pelvic injury, has been told to rest for a fortnight before atempting any comeback training. Archibald, who missed the United match with a hip injury, has a good chancof returning against Arsenal. Arsenal are unlikely to have any

of their five injured first-team players fit in time. Rix (Achilles tendon strain), O'Leary (hamstring), Robson (hamstring), Talbot (calf muscle) and Sunderland (bruised foot) are still unable to train properly. So the team which beat Watford 3-1 last Saturday seem likely to receive a vote of

## CRICKET: AUSTRALIA MAKE SEVERAL CHANGES IN SQUAD Mohsin's century

no help to Imran

Melbourne (Reuter) - Moshin Khan scored 104 not out in 152 minutes to guide the Pakistanis to an eight-wicket victory over South-west New South Wales in a one-day game at Griffith yesterday.

After the local team had made 182 for nine in the four hours' batting allowed to them, the Pakistanis raced to 182 for two, with Mohsin and Gasim Omar (64) adding 155 for the second wicket.

But Mohsin's effort, which followed his 149 in the third Test match last week, did not entirely suit Pakistan's cause, being partly responsible for denying Imran Khan

Imran was looking for batting practice before returning to the Pakistan side for the fourth Test. starting here on Boxing Day. The Pakistan captain, who played his first four match last weekend after recovering from a stress fracture of the left shin, was restricted to bowling three gentle overs.

South-West batted well to reach 165 for five. Then Sarfraz Nawaz intervened with three wickets in 10 balls, leaving the Parkistanis with a relatively comfortable target.

They lost Mudassar Nazar, bowled by Gannon for six, but Mohsin and Qasim put the touring side back on course. When Qusim was bowled by Patterson at 161, the match was almost over

#### SOUTH-WEST NEW SOUTH WALES:

P. Duck, b Rashed.

P. Duck, b Rashed.

W. Lamont, b Taher.

T. Purcell, bw Tahe.

G. Bennett, b Mudassar.

P. Darks, c Inren b Sartraz.

D. Jackson, o Mudassar b Sartraz.

B. McConsider not out.

G. Patterson, not out. 

Hogan would be retained but felt that if another spinner was added it would be Greg Matthews," he said. "But I suppose the South Australian game in Newcastle, where I topscored in the first innings with 46 and then took five wickets for 15 FALL OF WICKETS 1-27, 2-52, 3-65, 4-77, 5-139, 5-165, 7-165, 8-177, 9-178 BOWLING, Serinaz 12-2-43-3, Rashed 7-2-23-1, Wasen Raja 7-1-15-0; Teher 7-0-33-3, Imran 3-1-15-0; Mudassar 8-0-40-2 and then took five wickets for 15, might have tipped the scales." Bennett and Matthews are strong prospects for the tour of the West

PARISTANIS First Inning Mudassar Nezar, b Garmon ... Oasm Omar, b Patterson ..... theer Abbas, not out Extres (Ib-1)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-161

## Fiji's offer is finally taken up

London, (AFP) - The Figit Islanders, who have waited half a The West Indians played out a wicket in 66 minutes. But the draw with an Indian Under-22 pace could not be maintained. century for a visit by an England team, will have their wish granted when Bob Willis brings his touring

> Countless invitations have been submitted to Lord's since Douglas Jardine's 1933 tourists to Australia called in at Fijl on their way home. But their one arranged freque was rained off and it has taken all this time to arrange another meeting between the two countries. The main stombling block to an

Engaind stop-over in the Pacific has been previous tour itineraries. Bet with Bob Willis' side visiting New Zealand before Pakistan for the first time. Fiji is an ideal venue for two January 2 and Suva on January 3.

MOTOR CYCLING

Roberts will

not race in

grands prix

Kenny Roberts, the former world 500cc champion, is to retire from grand prix racing, Roberts, aged 32, won three consecutive championships from 1978-80.

Roberts won all three titles riding Yamahas. Yesterday, he met Yamaha officials in Amsterdam

#### IN BRIEF

Early end to a match

with single highlight

Trivandrum, India (Reuter) - attack for 102 for the first

Wood (left) out of teams captained by Hughes (right)

Rackemann dropped

from Test teams

Matthews had been troubled by an injury to his right hand, which

required stitching after stopping a hard drive in the Shield clash with

Bennett. aged 27. a physical coucation teacher, is an opening bat for his Sydney club, St George. He is

a former New South Wales Colts captain and toured Zimbabwe with the Young Australians in March.

He did not think he had a chance of being selected. "I thought Tom

dies. Matthews, aged 24, made his

Shield debut last season. His bowling has impressed critics with a

high line and good length and he is a fine slips fielder.

SDUAD (v Pakistan fourth Test); K Hughes (Western Australie captein), R Marsh (Western Australie captein), B Border (Chusersland), M Bennent (New Bouth Wates), G Chappell (Qusentand), R Hogg (South Australia), G Liveson (New South Wates), D Lise (Western Australia), G Matthews (New South Wates), W Phings (South Australia), K Wessels (Qusentient), G Yatiop (Victoria).

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-101, 2-112, 3-142, 4-207, 5-243, 8-259, 7-264, 8-265, 8-288.

BOWLING: Prabhator 10-0-89-1: Jacky 5-1-41-0: Arun 8-0-38-1; Raman 25-9-80-5: Kumar 13-3-67-2; Rajpus 5-1-22-0.

Total (9 wide ) .....

Victoria la October.

Sydney, (AP) - The Queensland

fast bowler, Carl Rackemann, has

been dropped for the Australian team for the fourth and fifth Test matches against Pakistan. The Western Australian spinner. Tom

Hogan, and the former Test opener.

Graeme Wood, have also been

mitted.
The Australian selectors have

called up the New South Wales pair

Greg Matthews and Murray Ben-

nett, both all rounders.

Rackemann missed the Adelaide

third Test with injury after taking 16 wickets in the first two tests but has since declared he is fit. Rackemann.

man of the match in the first Test.

must be regarded as an outsider for

starting in late February.

Bennett is an orthodox left-arm spinner and Matthews a right-arm off spinner. Both are competent

The selectors have chosen a 12-man squad for the fourth Test at Melbourne, starting on Boxing Day and have added the Queensland fast-medium bowler John Maguire

to make a 13-man squad for the Test

at Sydney, starting on January 2.
Maguire took six West Australian wickets for 62 in the recent Sheffield

equalled his previous best Shield

XI on the final day of their two-

captian's Vivin Richards and

Manoj Prabhakar, agreed to end

the match early with the West

Indians 321 for nine in reply to

the Indians' first innings total of

Only Jignesh Sanghani, named man of the match after

nis sparkling centry on Tues-

day, shone in the game. His was

ony the second centry scored

against the West Indians in provincial matches on the tour.

Haynes and Richardson hammered a mediocre Indian

239 for eight declared.

#### Wilander and Arias may play in Los Angeles Paris (AFP) - Mats Wilander, the Senna, signed by Toleman 10 days

Australian Open champion, could form part of the tennis showcase when the sport is demonstrated at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles next year. Wilander and Jimmy Arias, a leading American, have in spite of the fact that, as professionals, they will be ineligible when tennis becomes an Olympic sport again in 1988. MELBOURNE (Reuter): John Fitzgerland's sudden loss of form is

providing a worry for Australian captain. Neale Fraser, only four days before the Davis Cup final against Sweden here. Fraser believes Fitzgerald is too tense on court and has lost confidence since being eliminated entil in the New South Wales Open his drug last week.

MOTOR RACTING: Toleman Group Motorsport signed Johny Cecotic yesterday, thus completing their driver line-up for the 1984 Grand Prix season which starts in Brazil in March. Cecotic, a former world 350cc and 750cc motor cycle champion, will be partnered by the

FOR THE RECORD

(1) 3 BULGARIA

OLYMPIC CHALIFYING MATCH: Canada

SQUASH RACKETS

European Championship

yesterday signed a £60,000 sponsor-ship deal to cover the climax of this season's Leagus Cup competition. Skol Lager, part of the Alloa Brewery Company, will inject the

cash into the two-leg semi-finals and the final, which is being televised live on Sunday, March 25.

CHICKET: Edgbaston, one of the best-equipped Test match grounds in the world, will have eight luxury executive boxes available for the 1984 season. Today's fixtures FOOTBALL

FA TROPHY: Their qualitying round: Hemptor • Wambley, Hayes v Bernet, Leetherheed of Windsor and Eton, FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Ipswich Town v RACKETS

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (Queen's Club. West Kensington, 9.0em).

#### and, presumably, explained his decision. A formal announcement of his retirement will be made by Roberts in Los Angeles today.

He will continue racing in the United States and at selected meeting in Europe, but hopes to spend more time with his family. His place in the Yamaha team is expected to be taken by the Italian. Virgineo Ferrari. Ferrari will team up with the American. Edde Lawson, who finished fourth in this year's championship, Another American, Randy Mamola, who finished third, has decided to quit racing for a year until he can find a more competitive machine. This year he was a member of the Suzuki

## SNOW REPORTS

## Depth

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GS) 15-4, 15-4; M C Small (Born) bt J King
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bt C D E Meson (Melavern) 15-7, 11-15, 15-11;
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(Bond) 15-8, 12-16, 15-8; J Headle (Markborough)
bt C D Hazishurst (Harrow) 15-6, 15-4; C R
Morris-Ademis (Redley) bt R Grather
(New Stand) 15-2, 15-2, 15-2, 15-12
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(Westengton) bt A Spati (Halleybury) 15-4, 15-2;
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## RUGBY UNION: WELSH CONTINUE CONTROVERSY OVER BANNED PLAYERS Wales may still choose Perkins

John Perkins, the Pontypool lock forward who established himself in Wales's team last season, has been left out of the 34-man squad announced yesterday by WRU for their opening Five Nations' match against Scotland in Cardiff on

Perkins will, however be considered by Wales once he finishes a one-month ban after being sent off in a recent club fe match, the chairman of selecn tors Rod Morgan stated.

Cardiff prop widely expected to former Wales captain and Lions discipline on the field, David make his international debut stand-off half, Gareth Davies, this season, has also been left who is only 27 and enjoying a writes. There have been several this season, has also been left who is only 27 and enjoying a out of the squad after being sent vintage season with Cardiff. £ off during last Saturday's Welsh C Cup match against Treorchy.

The uncapped locks, Chris Booker (Cross Keys) and David

Waters (Newport), have been preferred to Perkins, as has the British Lion, Robert Norster, even though he has been out of first-class rugby for more than six months since injuring his back in New Zealand during the

Newport's Mike Watkins, is back in favour after proving an inspired captain for Wales B. He could strongly challenge Aberavon's Billy James for the hooker's position and Eddie Butler for the captaincy.

There is still no place in the Jeff Whitefoot the uncapped selectors' calculations for the

Hopkins (South Glamorgan Institute), C Rees (London Welsh), E Rees (Neath), D Richards (Swansea), M Ring (Cardiff), M Tutley (Bridgend), Haif backes B Bowen (South Wales Police), M Dacey (Swansea), G John (South Glamorgan Institute), D Bishop (Pontypool), M Douglas (Llanell), R Giles (Aberavon), Forwards: C Booker (Cross Keys) E T Butler (Pontypool), A Davies (Llanell), M Davies (Swansea), I Eldman (Cardiff), W James (Aberavon), S Jones (Pontypool), R Morgen (Newport), R Moriarty (Swansea), R Morster (Cardiff), D Pickering (Llanelli), G Roberts (Swansea), R Morster (Cardiff), D (Swanssa), it recrates (Ceruni, Pickering (Llanetti), G Roberts (Swansea), T Shaw (Newbridge), I Stephene (Bridgend), D Waters (Newport), M Watkins (Newport)

If there is one area where the four home unions should appear unanimous it is in instances in the last few seasons

picking players for international sides if they have been sent off during the same season, Wales have not followed the same line. It seems particularly unfortunate that they should not have chosen to do so once more in the light of recent publicity given to incidents in the match

between Moseley and Swansea. Even if it means the loss of players of international calibre for a season, players should be aware of the possible loss of status which may result from a dismissal. There is no change, however, where Gareth Davies is concerned, and it is equally difficult for "outsiders" to believe that Wales have three stand off halves all better than



Over to you: Glenn manages to get the ball away to the No 14, White, despite the close attentions of Mdawarima and Kayembe at Old Deer Park. (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

## Zimbabwe Schools break even on tour

London Schools. Zimbabwe Schools......17

Zimbabwe national schools side has trodden in the footsteps of the senior side which toured England in September, but with considerably more success. They therefore offer considerable optimism for their country's rugby future after concluding their tour at Old Deer Park yesterday, where they beat London by a goal, two tries and a penalty goal to a penalty and by doing so broke

even for their visit. They lost cheir opening two games, to Cornwall and Devon and to Lancashire, but beat

win at the home of London at the front to good effect.

Welsh - a pleasant homecoming London had a heavier pack for their Welsh-born manager Tom Reakes.

Zimbabwe have many of the ball, but, under pressure, they concede too many penalties. It was London's misfortune that they could take little advantage of possession won here and from the set pieces though again it was very much a scratch side which met for the first time only yesterday morning.

The English schools representative season does not really begin to take shape until after Christmas so Zimbabwe, with Cumbria and lost to Scotland six games behind them, had a a willing ally in Jacobs, who by only three points. Since then vital edge in teamwork, particu- scored the first try. This came

Park call in students

Rosslyn Park, who will be without six first team players over Christmas, have named two university students, both aged 20, for the home game against Coventry on Saturday. Vince Donnell, a flanker, and Peter Taylor, a No 8, are set to replace Montgomery, who has just had his appendix perpoyed and

had his appendix removed, and Ripley, who is on holiday.

No legal action

Scottish Youth before the third two coloured players in the side,

and did well in the set scrums, taking three heels against the head and picking up another virtues and faults of their ball as it squirted from the side seniors. They like to run the of a retreating Zimbabwe scrum. But their midfield could create little, there seemed too much dependence on the incursions from full back of Hobbs, the captain, and too little time given to working space for a pair of useful wings.

In this respect Zimbabwe were streets ahead. Curtis, their captain, with the action of a greyhound straining at the leash, was a powerful runner who found several gaps and had the touring side has blossomed, larly at the mauls and the midway through the first, half drawing with the strong Scottish lineouts, where they use after a little kick ahead by Midlands and trouncing the Kazembe, a flanker and one of Mdawarima. Roberts, last Wagan, J Jacobs, V Wagan, J Wagan

year's 16-group stand off. recovered a penalty before the interval but tries by Bailey and Watson from some splendid fluent back play emphasized Zimbabwe's superiority. The dependable Pohl, a full back who kicked off both feet and

conversion and a penalty. SCORERS: London – Penalty: Roberts. Zimbabwe – Tries: Jacobs, Bailey, Watson. Conversions: Pohl. Penalty: Pohl.

came into his line well, added a

LONDON SCHOOLS: A Hobbs (Cranleigh, captain); D Toombs (Dulwich), K White (Haberdashera' Aska's, Elstree); A Roberts (Wycombe College), S Glenn (Great Cornard Upper); T Willis (Wellington College) P Morter (Godalming College), J Chatfield (Caternam) A Golding (Vyners), C Jennings (Kingsbury HS), M Upex (Netherhall, D Spinik (Wellington College), A Kemp (St Pau's), ZIMBABWE SCHOOLS: W Pohl; A Watson, J Jacobs, G Villoen, V LONDON SCHOOLS: A Hobbs (Cran-

Minister warns Welsh

## **Glasgow McGuinless**

Glasgow have made only one change in the side to meet South of Scotland at Hawick on Saturday from that which had a surprisingly win over Edinburgh at Hughenden almost a fortnight ago. Gerry McGuinness, West of Scotland's international loose-head prop, broke a bone in a hand last Saturday and will be out of acion for some weeks. His place has been taken by John Scobie, of Glasgow Academicals.
Glasgow must win to share the title with South, the district champions. The Borderers have

won the title outright 12 times and Glasgow only twice. The odds, already heavily in South's favour, have become even shorter because of the absence of McGuinness, a key figure in Glasgow's recent successes in both tight and loose play.

Glasgow: C Marr (West of Scotland); S Murro (Arr). A Ker (Glasgow Academcals). C Williamson, C Rowney (both West of Scotland); B Ker (Glasgow Academcals), A Service (West of Scotland); J Scoble (Glasgow Academcals).

RACKETS

#### Hard-hitting and hungry for a fight

By Willalm Stephens Rupert Owen-Browne, the fourth seed from Tonbridge School, forces his way into today's semi-final of the H. H. Foster Cup at Queen's Club when he clininated Michael Carr. of Radley. 15-2, 15-10, 15-5, in a hard-hitting match of high quality. Both players showed what has been lacking among some competitors. a hunger for a fight.

Owen-Browne is one of the mos outstanding exponents of the double-handed backhand stroke, a feature in schoolboy rackets which is becoming more common. With a power-base of precise services, double-handed from the right box. he attacks the ball fiercely and, with racket head well up, kills any loose ball with severe cuts

Third-seeded Edmund Popple well, of Radley, defeated Peter Barly, of Eton, 15-11, 10-15, 15-12, 15-8, although the loser looked initially to be in sound control. Popplewell possesses an excellen backhand service from the righ side but found it being returned with ease. He therefore experi-mented with the foul cutservice which flies up after striking the back

This, and the overhead tennis service into the backhand court which breaks back into the side wall is another recent feature of schoolboy rackets. This variation of services broke up the rhythm and confounded Baily who, leading 5-1 at one game all, lost his application and allowed Popplewell to advance to 14-6. He regained his confidence but from then on was out of

# John Davidson, the Moseley forward whose rugby career has almost certainly been ended by injury, has ruled out legal action against the Swansea player who fractured his jaw and cheekbone on September 10. SKIING

## Miss Wenzel races to her first downhill victory

Haus, Austria (Agencies) Hanni they did the work for me." Maria Wenzel, the statom and giant statom specialist from Liechtenstein, won her first ever women's World Cup downhill race here yesterday, edging the favourite. Irene Epple, of West

Germany, into second place.
Miss Wenzel, aged 27, starting from sixteenth position, covered the ice-packed course in 1 minute 44.67 seconds, almost four hundredths of a second faster than Miss Epple. Miss Epple. who won the downhill at Val D'Isère two weeks

ago, started third and appeared to have the race sewn up as later starters failed to match her stunning time of 1 minute 45 seconds. But her second place meant she retained the lead in the World Cup Downhill standings.

As her fellow competitors congratulated her Miss Epple said:
"I still can't believe I've won." She

was right to be cautious, for as she spoke. Miss Wenzel was making an almost flawless descent.

winter Olympics.
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(Switz) 1:45.61; 11, H Wiesler (WG)
1:46.50; E Norther (Austria) 1:46.56; 10, H B
Franciers (US) 1:46.51; 11, H Wiesler (WG)
1:46.52; 15, W Mallerge (Austria) 1:46.75
DOWNWILL STANDINGS: 1, I Epple (WG) 67
50; 2, M Wallser (Switz) 48; 5, J
Gammerous (C2) 28.

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(C2) 57
WOMEN'S TEAM: Standings: 1, Switzerland

"I never thought I could win here". Miss Wenzel said with a big smile. "I just let my skis run and

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WOMEN'S YEAR: Standings: 1, Switzerland
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#### BOBSLEIGH

#### Swiss to puff on Soviet 'cigar'

Zurich (Reuter) - The Swiss say that I have them," he said bobsleigh team have obtained plans of the nnew revolutionary Soviet sledge and aim to perfect their own sledge is not without crities whe version in time for the winter Olympics in Sarajevo in February, The Swiss Bobsleigh Association president, Erwin Brazerol, said that a local firm had undertaken to produce a Swiss version before the European Cup in January, Mr Brazerol declined to say how

be acquired the plans, "Suffice to

because of its narrow build, the new sledge is not without critics who query its safety. "They are more dengerous than

the previous models." Mr Brazerol conceded but added that so far there had been no accidents. "Whether we can beat the Soviet team depends on how we race but at least we shall now be starting out with the same

Nell Macrariane, the Minister for Sport, made an urgent plea to the Welsh Rughy Union yesterday to consider whether to go ahead with further matches against the touring South African youth team. As the tour got under way at Port Taibot, Mr MacFarlane warned the WRU of the implications for sport in Wales if the tour continued. He told MPs during Commons

question time that he regretted the WRU's declaion to proceed with the tour despite the controversy it had provoked. "I would urge them even at this eleventh hour to consider the at this eleventh nour to consider the wider implications for sport in the Commonwealth and for sport in Wales. It is certainly contrary to the spirit of the Commonwealth declaration on apartheid in sport."

Mr Maciarlane's plea came after

he had repeated the warnings about the threat posed to Commonwealth the threat posed to Commonwealth sport if a proposed tour of South Africa by an England rugby team

Walliser, of Switzerland, who won the Sestricre downhill, finished a disappointing third in I minute

Miss Wenzel's previous best downhill result had been her second place to Anne-Marie Proll, of

in the 1980 Lake Placid

45.03 seconds.

winter Olympics.

Neil MacFarlane, the Minister next year went ahead. He said he responsible to the resident of the Rugby Union yesterday to onsider whether to go ahead with Jacobs, before he and his committee should continue, to ensure they "fully understand" that at the recent heads of government conference in Delhi Britain's commitment to the declaration on apartheid in sport was reaffirmed.

"The RFU will be deciding in the spring as to whether this proposed tour should take place. I am in no doubt it would have damaging repercussions throughout the whole of Commonwealth sport", Mr Macfarlane said.

John Carlisle, Conservative MF for Laton North, called on Mr Macfarlane to promise that he would not "put any undue presume or coercion" on the president and his committee over their decision.

#### YACHTING

#### NZ lead stretched by a point

From John Roberson

Despite struggling through a slow day, the British team dropped only one point to the leaders in the second race of the Southern Cross Cup. resailed yesterday after being postponed for lack of wind on Saturday. Jude (Larry Wooddell), Indulgence (Graham Walker) and Panda (Peter Whipp) finished fifth. twelfth and sixteenth, respectively. twelfth and sixteenth, respectively, but we fortunate thayt all the other teams had mixed results, too. New Zealand increased their lead by one point over the second-placed

British, while in third place the Papua New Guinea team dropped a Papua New Guinea team dropped a further nine points behind Britain.

The race was started in five to eight knots of breeze, which increased to 10 to 12 knots by the last windward leg, by which time Jade and Idulgence had recovered from poor placings on the first beat. The formboats of the series, Pandido of Hong Kong Bandido Bandido, of Hong Kong, and Shockwave, of Australia, led a large group of boats out to sea on the first leg, which was the wrong way to go, and did not recover as well as the British boats, finishing twenty-first and twenty-second.

The best of the New Zealand boats in this race was Pacific Sundancer, who finished fourth. The rest of their team, Geronimo

and Exador, were ninth and The final short race takes place today and the Sydney to Hobart race takes place today and the Sydney to Hobart race, for Imple points, starts on Boxing Day, Overalla New Sealerd 258 points; Britain 218, Papua New Guinea 201.

## Award to stud is richly deserved

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

The British breeders awards, now an annual event will be presented for the second time in London on January 9 at a luncheon organized by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. The awards were designed to whip up support and enthusiasm in Britain with competition from the United State and Ireland setting hotter and hotter

The winners of 10 of these awards are known. The eleventh is a special one to the person who, in the opinion of the council of the TBA, has made a significant contribution to the British breeding industry. The winner of this award, which is given by the Duke of Devonshire, past y the Duke of Devonshire, past resident of the association, will be

The award to the leading British-The award to the leading british-based breeder of Flat racehorses for 1983, which is given by the Queen, will go to the White Lodge Stud at Cheveley, near Newmarket, This is singularly well deserved, not just because of Tecnoso's victory in the Derby this year, but on account of the successful way that the stud has operated for 30 years or more, Miss Peggy Pacey wins the National Hunt breeders' award.

which is given by jumping's greatest enthusiast. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, thanks primarily to the achievements of Ryeman, who won the Arkle Challenge Trophy The broodmare award, presented

by Jim Joel, goes predictably to Mrs. Moss, owned by Lady Tavistock. Mrs. Moss achieved prominence thanks to the feats of her sons, Jupiter Island, by St Paddy, and the Gimerack winner. Precocious, that fast son of Mummy's Pet, who gets the Barleythorpe Stud's award for the second year in a row. This goes to the British-based stallion with most individual winners on the Flat during the year in question. The continued success of his offspring. makes his death two seasons ago all the more regrettable.

Exactly the same sentiment applies to Troy, who died in May. Troy became the leading British-based first-season sire, a position that is all the more remarkable for a Derby winner whose stock might be expected to excel during their second and third seasons. The award given by the British Bloodstock Agency to the leading British-based stallion in terms of prize money won on the Flat goes again to Mill Reef.

With Mighty Fly doing so well on the Flat last season and Combs Ditch shining under National Hunt

rules, Jim Tory, their owner-breedcr. thoroughly deserves to win the Langham Cup which goies to the small breeder of special merit.

Few will quibble with Joan Scott getting the Dudgeon Cup because she was the breeder of both Precipice Wood and Sparian General, who have figured consistently among the leading National Hunt sires despite intense competition in that sphere from Ireland. Precipice Wood himself wins both awards for the most successful Brish-based National Hunt stallion, one given by Col Bill Whitbread and one by the *Horse and Hound*.

Justifiable caution, perhaps, but Dickinson then gave himself away by admitting: I thought training horses was difficult but upping them The meetings at Unoxeter and Hereford today appear to have miraculously escaped the worst of must be a lot worse."

Manfully ignoring the great man's the countrywide deluge that washed out Lingfield Park and Worcester

A new idea (above) for the betting office of the

future is likely to appear in three months' time.

The system is to be installed by Mecca

bookmakers, at first for the use of greyhound racing. The machines will be operated by the punters, who place their own win and forecast

bets up to a £3 stake. The monitor is linked to a

viewdata which supplies the runners. Once the

selection has been made the number puts in his

potentially top class novice chasers. The Welder and Trust the King. tackling fences for the first time in The Welder, who runs in the Eliastone Novices' Chase at Uttosecond in his five other races over hurdless last season. Providing he jumps proficiently, which he has been doing at home at Harewood, he should beat the more experienced but one-paced Gamble Hall and go a little way towards calming Michael

yesterday. There are apparently no problems at either course and, although the fare is generally

moderate, visitors to both courses

can at least look forward to seeing

awaits the Boxing Day showdown with Fred Winter at Kempton. Mind you, it is not just big races that make Dickinson frantically that make Dickinson frantically finger his worry beads. Yesterday the now famous "Tones of Doom" were very much in evidence as Dickinson discussed The Welder's chance. "On his best hurdles form Gamble Hall would walk all over us." Dickinson said. "So we'll just have to wait and so." have to wait and sec.

Exciting prospects set to make winning debuts over fences

money and then punches in his bet, using three keys: one for the trap number, the second for the

type of bet, and the third for the amount of

money staked. From this punters will received a print-out slip, with all the relevant information, which can be cashed according to the result. Apart from the new technology the betting office

will have an "authentic" approach with live trees

ready-made excuse for racing correspondents everywhere, it does look as if Trust the King is something to bet on in Hereford's Caraway Novices Chase, A winner at Ascot and a respectable eighth to Schia div. Lois est the Chelsonham Sabin du Loir at the Cheltenham Festival last season, this powerful son of Menclek has always seemed made for fences and should be up to

schooling, but not so happy about a couple of other issues. Henderson could not understand why Steve mith Eccles held Linawn up at Ascot on Saturday when the horse was a disappointing third to Aces Wild. When John Francome, who Dickinson's frayed nerves as he rade Aces Wild, won on Linawn at Cheltenham previously, the horse made all the running and Hender-son did not give Smith Eccles instructions to ride a waiting race on

Saturday. Henderson is also far from pleased about the current handicap-ping of his New Zealand import. Antic, who runs in the Clove Chase, a conditions event, at Hereford, In

his only two runs in England. Antic has finished a distant last of four behind Wayward Lad at Hunting-don and "won" a two-hurse race at Nottingham when his only rival slipped up.

"The handicapper's gone ba-nanas," Henderson said. "Annic won three bad races in New Zealand and he's never beaten a horse here. He's been given 12 stone in a £5,000 race at Newbury when he should be carrying 10st 10th at a course like

made for fences and should be up to coping with the likes of Square Rigged and Double Base.

Nicky Henderson, his trainer, is well satisfied with Trust the King's at Cheltenham but had useful form before that. Henderson is also hopeful of a good showing from Ayab Record Run's half-brother, in the Coltsfoot Novices' Hurdle on the experience of Welsh Oak, who shaped well when a close second to Allied Newcastle at Newton Abbot.

Returning to Uttoxeter, Jimmy FitzGerald's Sharpshod, just caught by Lucky Call on his reappearance at Market Rasen, should have the edge over the course specialist. Tamdhu while Ladycross has a sound opportunity to repeat an carrier course victory agaismt poor opposition in the second division of opposition in the second divis the Norbury Novices' Hurdle.

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Hereford selections

By John Karter
12.30 Welsh Oak, 1.0 Severn Sound, 1.30 Poyntz Pass, 2.0 Trust The King.

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#### THE ARTS

Michael Darlow has fought his way out of television type-casting to direct his first feature film, Accounts, to be shown on Channel 4 tonight.
Interview by David Robinson

## Emotional self-discovery

film, though in fact he very director three years ago. At the end of 1980 he began work on The Desert King, the story of Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia. By the time that Islamic politics contributed to various factors Gillian Hodson. They expected which halted the production, me to work on film and were something in the region of a suprised when I chose to work million pounds - certainly upwards of twice the budget of Accounts - had already been spent. "It's a pity it didn't come to anything. It really could have cal. So after that I was again been exciting. It was a wonder-typed as a tape director rather

Algiers."

Darlow began his career in the theatre as an actor and which at least had the merit of producer. His first film was being the longest play the BBC more or less accidental. His had made till that time. But mother was active with World several ideas I had for feature Refugee Year, and, when a film promised by the Rank Organis-ation foundered, she told her film, merely for the sake of son: "You're a producer: why don't you make a film?". The enough to encourage him to collaborate with the late Robert Vas on a documentary about 1981 Edinburgh Festival. It the demolition of the old came to London to the River-Marlborough Music Hall. On side, and won the George the strength of this. John Devine Award, though it didn't Boorman, who was then pro- get wonderful audiences. I ducing for television in Bristol, instantly wanted to turn it into

invited him to work there. The major influence, though, was working with Denis Mit- about. Moreover I had always chell at Granada. "I idolized wanted to work up there in the him. It was people like Hum-North, ideally on a hill farm like phrey Jennings and Denis, who the one in the film. It is could find the intrinsic qualities amazing country, around the in people and things, who really Cheviots. They have their own interested me What was hap- extraordinary light. pening in documentary was then so different from British feature films - this was in the in a context which makes no mid-Sixtles." Darlow's career concessions at all to sentimen-

Accounts, which is to be shown on Channel 4 tonight, is BAFTA award.

Michael Darlow's first feature

The problem in television is and works in rural

tor. The BBC asked me to direct Terence Rattigan's obituary -he was still alive then; after he was dead I wrote a book about him, in collaboration with because it seemed to me to suit the play extracts we used better, made them seem more theatribeen exciting. It was a women-ful script, by Franco Solinas, than a film director. Sum i was who wrote The Battle of able to do some interesting things on tape - Crime and Punishment, and Sue: 1956 which at least had the merit of films came to nothing. And I

> making a film. ou make a film?". The "So then there was The was called All These Desert King; and, finally, and was successful Accounts. Michael Wilcox had originally written the play for the Traverse Theatre for the a film. It is about a lot of things I have wanted to make a film

> > The play has the quality of exploring very tender emotions

maturity. Michael Wilcox lives and works in rural Northumberthat you get typed. I was now land, at Haltwhistle. He had typed as a documentary direction very struck by the often very inexperienced, who have to shoulder enormous financial responsibilities - because farming can be a very dangerous business, with implications and consequences much huger than many of us ever this Michael's play explores the nature of finding emotional maturity, of standing up and discovering who you are - and exploring it in a context where it is perhaps unexpected or at least unfamiliar. For a lot of us rural life is represented by The Archers, perhaps; but in The emotions are very

simple.
"The boys in the film and their mother - uprooted as a result of the father's death have to take new decisions, have to discover who they are. have to learn to live together and how their relationships work, have to learn their sexual directions, have to learn to respect each other. Above all they have to learn to express themselves. It's all part of erowing towards maturity. At the start of the film they are like puppies from one litter - they even sleep in the same bed. At the end they are starting to grow

"One of the great qualities of the play is that you cannot identify single motives. The characters are full of conflicting motives and emotions. It is a human complexity. Michael Wilcox writes wonderfully about adolescence. He was a teacher, and his own adolescence was very important to him. He is tremendous with kids, too. He is a great was further boosted when his tality. I suppose in a word it is sportsman. He plays for the



Robert Smeaton (left) and Michael McNally, with Elspeth Charlton as their mother

local team and is very much a They adapted to it all marvelpart of the local scene. You wonder at the scene where the two boys write poetry. I can only say that Michael gets the local kids in Haltwhistle writing poetry and doing their own plays.

"The only member of the original stage cast still remaining in the film is Anthony Roper, who plays the trainer. Of course the film must stand or fall by the two boys. The original stage actors were too old to be right for the film. We went through all the professional Northumbrian actors without success. Then Michael Wilcox suggested Bob Smeaton, who was the lead singer with a successful Newcastle group. White Heat. Michael had seen him introducing a magazine show on local television. Michael McNally, who plays the younger brother, comes from a family that does a club act in the north. He is the 'scrious' one: he's doing a law

"Once they were cast, we sent them off to the farm for a couple of weeks and told the farmer to make them work with the animals and everything.

degree at the Tech.

lously. We explained to them that they were going to belong to us body and soul for the duration of the shooting period. which had to extend over the four seasons of the year; and that they would have to learn to do all the farm work properly. But, by God, they worked they really worked!
"Of course we rewrote the

stage play, eliminating a lot and introducing a lot more that was not in the original. The writing process went on while we were shooting, as we discovered the things we needed. There was an element of Day for Night - but not too much. Occasionally we asked the boys to improvise mostly in the scenes with the animals, and in a sequence in the pub where Bob asks some local lads where he can find girls in Kelso. As we continued the boys became very confident about this. Of course we did not try it at first; at the beginning it would have been too difficult for them. But with time they learnt to relax, which is the

great thing for an actor.
"The biggest problems with non-professional actors come when they have to play a subtext, to act something which is different from the words they are saying. Working with the boys we had sometimes to adapt or eliminate or to play with the rhythms in the editing In time, though, they had become very much more skilful at playing a sub-text. They were able to handle their last scene in which the older brother recognizes the younger one's homosexuality, with tremen-

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dous delicacy.
"I'm pleased that the film came out of Channel 4. It was made by a company which helped form, called Partners in Production. It's not exactly a cooperative; but we are thirty equal partners. All the heads of departments on the film were partners: producer, executive producer, myself, composer, sound recordist, designer, editor. It was the happiest film I've ever done, because we were all doing it for the right reasons. None of us had been thrust upon each other by a managerial system. It just worked well. We came in under budget, within schedule and not a cross word throughout. It's the sort of film one came into the industry for in the first place."

#### Theatre

Oliver

Aldwych

Evoking the whole of mid-Vic-torian London, but never

eeking to deceive the spectator

and the nightmare face at the

bedroom window; and pretty well obliterating the Dickens of

saccharine virtue and kindly old

gentlemen dispensing free soup.

Lionel Bart's music (and, however good the numbers are

in themselves, they are vastly

better in context) is that it saves

the story from becoming un-

bearable, and gives the wretched of the earth the chance

to stand up for themselves.

Down comes the grim portcullis

inscribed "God is Love" in the

opening scene, but, even before the gruel is dished out, the

starving waifs have cast pathos

aside and are roaring their great

is Ron Moody's return to his

The central event of the show

hymn to "Food".

The dramatic justification of

original role as Fagin. Brought up on the thieves' kitchen idea of the villainous Jew, this performance was a revelation to

Without omitting a particle of Fagin's guile and reptilian vigilance, Mr Moody - fingers into believing he is looking at anything other than a stage. Sean Kenny's set for Oliver! was vigilance, Mr Moody - fingers and eyes dancing - also projects his real affection for the boys, his self-respect as an artist in crime, and his capacity for self-mockery. Reprieved from the Dickensian dock, he finally takes rapid flight into the night shadows of London Bridge - a fitting end for a performance that converts him from an antisean Kenny's set for Otteer' was instantly recognized as the work of a great designer. With the passage of time, those weathered timbers, revolving into grimy alleyways and fog-bound river prospects, have also taken on the quality of an altar to the atrical integrity, and the only theatrical integrity, and the only recommendation Peter Coe's revived production needs is that Semitic stereotype into an emblem of Jewish survival. Once seen never forgotten. it lives up to the set.

This is the Dickens of destitution, underworld squalor

There are no weak links in the supporting company, David Garlick's Dodger sustains his unflappable toff routine from the moment he first rolls down his one tattered sock. Jackic Marks's Nancy, vocally well in command of her ballads as well as rollicking choruses at The Three Cripples, also looks well on the way to ruin, dosed up to the eyes on gin; her attachment to Linal Haft's quietly murder-ous Sykes is totally credible. And Anthony Pearson's Oliver treads a perfectly judged path between mischief and virtue.

The orchestrations, repeatedly picking up numbers and putting them through atmos-pheric modulations, beautifully complement the continual transformations of the set.

Irving Wardle

#### **Special Occasions** Ambassadors

Coinciding nicely with a lead letter in this newspaper about the marked effect on children if

divorced parents manage to go on cooperating, Bernard Slade's two-hander comedy considers the effect of post-divorce meetings on the parents themselves. Repeating the format of his earlier Same Time, Next Year successive duologues spread over a number of years - it takes the temperature of the couple's relationship at inter-

vals, watching their liaisons with other partners come and go. As a rule, they meet only for births, remarriages, deaths, and other events: hence the title. John Alderton and Jan

Waters first appear in ironic vein at their fifteenth anniversary party that just gets in ahead of the divorce. (Actually, Mr Alderton had come out before the curtain to explain that his bad back went again at the last preview and would we understand?) She is starting to drink, clearly headed for disasters and cures. He, doing well in television, gets his subsequent ups and downs in the shape of being fired, starting as a freelance playwright (shades of Mr Slade's Romantic Comedy).

failing and eventually succeed-ing. The children's fortunes flicker just as predictably: the handsome son gets caught in a burning sports car, the Chopinpianist daughter ends in the pop world and the youngest pro-vides an illegitmate grandchild at the age of 17.

Except in the final reconcili-ation, Mr Slade's saccharine tendency is less intrusive then usual, but a glossy layer still overlays the many emotional insights of character, this is commercial comedy (unlike Ayckbourn) takes no real risks. The laugh-lines are neither painful nor witty enough. And the repeated device of implying a mise-enscène for a sequence only to overturn it by showing someone is play-acting makes it more

contrived still.

Mr Alderton is less happily cast as the "complacently vulnerable" Michael than Miss Waters's Amy, who hides insecurity beneath icy poise and practicality. The author himself

Anthony Masters

#### Dance

Dash Dominion

I wish I could be more enthusiastic about the latest version of Wayne Sleep's Dash. which opened this week for a short season at the Dominion.

The original show was launched three years ago, and, lar adagio number danced by a although it was by no means perfect, it had a genuine freshness and energy, and some very good ideas. It still has some good ideas, but the best of them are the originals: the tap dancing evenets, the classical pas de deux which lets you hear the dancer's real thoughts, and even these could now benefit from some severe editing. Sleep's impersonations, too, are becoming rather over-familiar, although, cut to a minimum and presented as part of a Winter Olympics sequence, which, mysteriously includes tennis and American football, they do well enough. New additions are a "Come

Dancing" number, which has distinct possibilities but lacks Divisional Court

#### the inhuman precision of the BBCSO/Atherton genuine article, and a best-for-

gotton song "My name is Bill", in which Sleep apparently represents a very famous baby. The second instalment in the He is also responsible for most of the choreography, more varied in style than before, but not especially distinguished.

guest couple. D'Valda and Sirico. There are the makings of a under a multitude of indifferent costumes, a spectacular though not very subtle lighting plot, and run-of-the-mill music, not helped by either the sound

The exceptions are a short piece

by Derek Deane and a spectacu-

system or possibly the acoustic. Sleep himself is a remarkable entertainer, and he has excellent support, notably from Jane Darling, But Dash currently needs the eye of a lough Broadway producer if it is to be more of an evening on the town and less like a night at home in front of the television.

Festival Hall/Radio 3

Ravel/Varèse Festival rather like the first. We had exchanged the Queen Elizabeth for the Festival Hall, and the London Sinfonietta for the BBC Symphony Orchestra, in order to hear the biggest blockbusters of both composers - but again Paul Crossley was on hand to give a nimble and searching (this time the one for left hand), and again David Atherton was proving how far clarity of sound can go in the interpretation of two composers so aptly con-trasted. Again too, Ravel was shown to be quite as odd and dangerous a character as his revolutionary fellow.

To discover a malevolent savagery in the minimalist but Mr Atherton also found deeper undercurrents in the Rapsodie Espagnole which Judith Cruickshank normally passes for a set of

#### Concert

tend to forget that Ravel's Spain was not Benidorm and denatured flamenco. It was a Spain of the imagination, and most particularly of the literary imagination: hence the right-

ness of a performance that began like a sequence of renades outside a house where Don Juan is at large. The work was still terribly discreet but-it certainly knew what it was being discreet about In part it must be said this

quality in the playing, a sense of the sometimes frail flesh behind the sounds. And, not surprisingly, that was most prominent when the sounds were most odd: the strangulated doublebass harmonics of the Ransodie. for instance, were disconcerting, and the opening of the concerto, with double bassoon sounding its lugubrious theme over unfathomably low strings, was almost comic. That was surely not right. Even Ravel's strangest sonorities ought to appear sublimely beautiful and well mannered, like the dandy

#### luridly coloured postcards. We demeanour that covered the still impenetrable secrets of the his private life. Varèse's music is a lot more

tolerant of struggles and failings, for a certain rude energy is very much part of a work like his Ameriques. Requiring a colossal orchestra, which it leads towards a march of terrifying single-mindedness and nearly-insupportable-volume, this work of 1921 was Varèse's celebration too of the new worlds he had opened for A performance of powerful

detail made both points forcibly. There were the city sounds. siren, jazz trumpet and mindless, massive machine rhythm, but there was also the magnificence of a creative imagination making sense of what is intemperate, even chaotic. For noisiness in Varese - such as, say, discontinuity in Webern - needs only sympathetic performance and an unprejudiced ear to make it a further extension of human intelligence and beauty.

**Paul Griffiths** 

## Television

# Fictional facts

Q.E.D. (BBC i) posed the him of something which he did question Eyewitness Evidence not already know: "He had an or Fiction? which Irish accent, officer, but he rather missed the point: the bald distinction between fact and fiction is not helpful, since we tend to rely upon interpret-ations of-visual material which are sometimes afforded the status of facts. In that respect, this analysis of "eyewitness" evidence was otiose from the start eyer since the days of religious apparitions, eyes have been known to see differently.

There was in last night's documentary a great deal of what is called "investigation" into the subject - although the film-makers had clearly not taken to heart their own commentary which insisted that "the suggestion of just one word can make us remember something that never happened". In this case, "investigation" might lead a bewildered viewer to believe that the commentator, Anthony Clare, had informed

moved so quickly I never saw his face".
Q.E.D. is very much in the tradition of popular knowledge as exemplified in the "Just

Fancy That!" comic strips of the newspapers. In last night's episode there were tests involv-ing the public and dramatized "scenes" involving actors; but it was, essentially, an undramatic glimpse of the obvious. Psychologists, always in large supply on such occasions, were quite happy to give their own opinions on the subject, although they were not a great deal of help. In fact the contradictions between their analyses suggested that their evidence in trials as "expert witnesses" was no more reliable than that of "eyewitnesses" themselves. We were, in other words, left in the dark.

Peter Ackroyd

#### Court of Appeal

#### **Prisoner** is entitled to go direct to solicitor

Regina v Governor of Worm-wood Scrubs Prison, Ex parte Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and

[Judgment delivered December 21] The prohibition on a visit by a legal adviser, made under Standing Order 5A 34 issued through Rule 33 of the Prison Rules (SI 1964 No 289) to advise a prisoner's account of the prisoner's account of t 388) to advise on a prisoner's complaints about prison treatment in regard to contemplated litigation prior to the lodging of an internal complaint with the prison auth-ornies (the simultaneous ventilation ornies (the simulaneous ventilation rule) was ultra vires, and a prisoner was entitled to correspond with his legal adviser in regard to the contemplated litigation without first lodging a complaint through the internal disciplinary procedures of

The Queen's Bench Divisional James Anderson against the de-cision of the assistant governor of Wormwood Scrubs Prison on July 13, 1983, to refuse to allow the applicant to consult his legal adviser, Miss Akester, an articled clerk of the firm of B. M. Birnberg &

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the applicant; Mr Simon D. Brown for the Secretary of State for the Home

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF, giving the reserved judg-ment of the court, said that on June 16. 1983, there was a disturbance at Wormwood Scrubs Prison between inmates and officers as a result of which the applicant was charged with six offences against prison

Miss Akester was asked to advise the applicant in connection with possible civil proceedings alleging assault by one or more officers during the disturbance.

She was refused permission to see the applicant on July 14 by the assistant governor because he thought the applicant was intending to make allegations about prison

officers' conduct and the standing and constituted an impediment to orders issued by the Home Office his right of access to the civil court. Therefore the relevant provisions of be initiated first. The Home Office confirmed that decision and there had been no interview yet between the applicant and his solicitors on that matter.

His Lordship said that it was

plain that the problem was the relationship between the internal investigation within a prison of a matter giving rise to an allegation by an inmate against a member of the prison staff, and the right of an inmate to pursue his complaint by a civil action against a member of

unimpeded access to a solicitor so as to initiate civil proceedings in the courts was an inseparable part of the right of access to the courts themselves. Therefore the simultaneous ventilation rule was an impediment since it required a complainant to write to the prison governor first thereby exposing himself to the possibility of being charged with making a false and malicous allegation against a member of the prison staff. Mr Brown submitted there was

no absolute principle that such an impediment was ultra vires. The question was one of balance. The rule merely regulated the circum-stances in which inmates had access to solicitors, and was in the interests of good administration of prisons and discipline and control of their

His Lordship said that it was proper for there to be regulations to control the access of prisoners to solicitors. But it was clear from the case of Raymond v Honey (1983) AC 1) that a prisoner's right of access to a solicitor to institute proceedings should be unimpeded proceedings should be inhippeded in the same way as his right to begin proceedings by sending essential documents for that purpose was

request to see a solicitor was an iransfer to the wife his interest in the inseparable part of his right of access to the courts themselves. The belonged to the spouses in equal access to the courts themselves the training of the husband required him to do something which and wife against each other for to do. No inmate could be compelled to make an internal complaint against a member of the

should make such a complaint as a the wife should have informed him

the standing orders were ultra vires. Mr Justice Mann agreed.

**Order** not upset by remarriage

Jenkins v Livesey (formerly Before Sir John Arnold, President and Mrs Justice Heilbron

[Judgment delivered December 21] The Court of Appeal in refusing to set aside a consent order by which the former husband transferred his half-share in the former matri-monial home to the wife on her agreement to give up her right to periodical payment gave him leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

The consent order had been made by Mr Registrar Carder on September 2 1982 which embodied september 2, 1982 which embodied an agreement made between the parties on or about June 22, 1982. The wife had remarried on September 24, 1982 and the husband had not learned of her remarriage until October 21, 1982. Judge Cox had dismissed an appeal from the meistant's easier at \$250.5 from the registrar's order on May 5.

Mr A. C. Myer for the husband: Mis Jean H. Ritchie for the wife.
THE PRESIDENT, giving the judgment of the court, said that following the dissolution of the marriage a consent order had been made by the registrar which embodied the terms of an agreement ocuments for that purpose was made between the parties on or around June 22, 1982. The order provided that the husband would

have the consent order set aside on The requirement that an inmate two alternative grounds: first that prerequisite of his having access to this solicitor went beyond the regulation of the circumstances in which such access could take place the making of the consent order, the making of the consent order.

appeal in the same way as any other

Available grounds in addition to fraud and mistake included a material failure to comply with an material failure to comply with an obligation of disclosure: see Thwaite 1 Thwaite 1 1982 Fam 1, 8). Looking at the letters which passed between the respective solicitors no agreement could be implied that the negotiations between the solicitors would proceed on the basis of full disclosure. The see that the failure of the solicitors would proceed on the basis of full disclosure. disclosure. There was no failure on the part of the wife to comply with any obligation to disclose her intention to remarry. There was no essential difference between the present case and the case of Wales v Wadham ([1977] I WLR 199).

It had been argued that where the effect of an order made in the matrimonial jurisdiction was substantially altered by an event supervening after it had been made the order could be set aside and a new order substituted which would

In Minton v Minton ([1979] AC 593.60!) Lord Fraser of Tullybelton said: But it is easy to envisage an exceptional case in which a totally unforesceable change in the circumstances of one of the former spouses. occurs soon after a final court order has been made disposing of the financial issues between them. Such a change might render the order so inappropriate as to appear harsh and unjust... To cover such exceptional cases it would, in my view, be desirable that the jurisdiction of the court to vary any order shold invariably be preserved as a matter of general law... But I do not think that the legislation as it stands is capable of being construed so as to lend to the result that I regard as preferable". The legislation had not been altered.

The statement of Lord Fraser did occurs soon after a final court order

The statement of Lord Fraser did not impinge upon the principle illustrated by Curwen v James ([1965] I WLR 748) that when court of first instance had to speculate about an unascertained matter which was resolved by the which was resolved by the happening of a later event which occurred before the time limited for an appeal had elapsed, the appellat court would take account of the later

The event of remarriage occurred long after the time so limited for an appeal from the consent order. Accordingly the inability of the court to interfere as referred to by Lord Fraser operated to the fullest

The legal rights of the parties extent. The second ground of appeal derived from the order and a failed.

Consent order could be set aside on It was unrealistic to regard the question whether the wife would remarry as being before the registrar remarty as being before the registrar by reason of his duty to consider whether to give or withhold his sanction and approval of the agreement. The registrar had given the particular agreement his ap-proval and had embodied it in the consent order with no represen-tation before him and no knowledge of the forts. The presistrar only had a

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of the facts. The registrar only had a minimal amount of information which could be inferred from the contents of the application.

The court had been informed that it was a common practice in exercising their function, to give or withhold approval, registrars would rely on the circumstance that the joint application was made by solicitors with whom they were well acquainted and also that such firms would not put forward agreements

to be approved unless they were fit The court did not know how far that practice extended but the court regarded the practice as a slender basis for the discharge of the jurisdiction established by L r L

([1962] P 101).
An attendance before the registrar was necessary to enable answers to be given to any queries that he might have in the course of the exercise of the jurisdiction. Solicitors: G & 1 Chisholm, lodmin; Bond Pearce & Co.

#### Agreement to pay all costs unlawful

Windvale Ltd v Darlington. Insulation Co Ltd A provision in an abitration agreement whereby one party agreed in advance to pay the costs of both parties was prohibited by section 18(3) of the Arbitration Act 1950. Mr Justice Walton held in the Chancett Division on December. Chancery Division on December

HIS LORDSHIP said that section 18(3) provided that "any provision in an arbitration agreement to the effect that the parties or any party thereto shall in any event pay their or his own costs of the reference or award or any part thereof shall be void. Although the provision in

wording of the subsection, where one party paid the costs of both he necessarily paid his own, and so an agreement to do so, unless entered agreement to 00 so, unless entered into after the dispute had arisen, was prohibited by the subsection. In exercising the court's dis-cretion to set aside the arbitration award rather than remit it back to the original arbitrator, a matter on which there was very little authority, in a case in which on every point on which it was possible to go wrong the arbitrator had done so, his Lordship thought it proper to start again with a clean sheet and ordered that the award be set aside.

question was outside the strict

#### No privilege against self incrimination

Universal City Studios Inc and Others v Hubbard and Others Before Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce and Lord Justice Fox Ludemard Colombia Characters 211 [Judgment delivered December 21] A defendant who sought to have

an Anton Piller (search and seize) order set aside and seized docu-ments returned to him on the ground that there was a serious risk ground that there was a serious risk of his being required to incriminate himself in answering questions about the documents including seized video tapes in that such answers might have indicated an involvement in the manufacture and distribution of pornographic films, was barred from claiming such privilege by section 72 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 even though the offence was not one "committed by or in the course of" the tort relied on by the plaintiffs where the proceedings were brought where the proceedings were brought to prevent any apprehended infringement of intellectual property

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the first defendant, Mr Peter Hubbard, from the refusal of Mr Justice Falconer on January 21 (The Times, February 1: [1983] Ch 241) to discharge the Anton Piller

The plaintiffs. Universal City Studios Inc. had alleged that the defendants had been engaged in the production of counterfeit films at their inquirles had obtained undertakings satisfactory to the plaintiffs.
Mr Alastair J. D. Wilson for the first defendant Mr John Baldwin for LORD JUSTICE CUMMING-BRUCE giving the judgment of the court, said that section 72 of the 1981 Act provided for the withdrawal of privilege against incrimination of a party or spouse.

It provided that "(1) In any proceedings to which this subsec-tion applies a person shall not be excused, by reason that to do so would tend to expose that person... to proceedings for a related offence...(a) from answering any question ... in the first-mentioned proceedings; or (b) from complying with any order made in those "(5) . . . 'related offence', in

relation to any proceedings to which subsection (1) applies means . . . (b) in the case of proceedings within subsection 2 (c) any offence revealed by the facts on which the plaintiff relies in those proceedings . . . " The appellant had submitted that "any offence" in section 72 (5) (b) should be restricted so that it meant "any offence of the kind specified in

section 72 (5) (a) (i) and (ii). However, it would have been the easiest thing in the world to add the easiest thing in the world to add the necessary words of restriction to the definition in section 72 (5) (b). The draftsman expressly distinguished the extent of the privilege in the case of proceedings in section 72 (2) (a) or (b) from the extent of the privilege in the case of proceedings in section 72 (2) (c).

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The appellant had submitted that there should be no difference between the privilege withdrawn in proceedings as described in section 72 (2) (a) and (b) on the one hand and section 72 (2) (c) on the other. The answer was that Parliament evidently decided that there should be such a distinction and defined related offence" in quite different

and much wider terms in the case of proceedings to prevent future torts than in the case of prodeedings in respect of past or present infringements. The policy of Parliament to be collected from the words of the Act was that only where there was a risk of further damage to a plaintiff that a defendant was denied the right to claim privilege in respect of self incrimination for offences not committed by or in the course of or

infringement. Having decided to dismiss the appeal, it was unnecessary for the court to decide whether Mr Justice

connexion with the alleged

Falconer was right in his view that "if I should conclude that the defendant is not barred by ... section 72, I should order the return of the documents concerned and make case where the defendant has properly brought proceedings for the return of the documents in the form of their present application, and that before they have been adduced in any form or shape or any evidence based on them has been put before the court".

The court entertained serious doubt about the correctness of that doubt about the correctness of that conclusion, and as the judgment below had been reported it was right to express those doubts, although it had not been necessary for their

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and from R v Lee (Bruce) (unreported, December 9, 1983) that the Court of Appeal could not receive evidence und r section 23 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 unless it was evidence which would itself be admissible at a trial. The Court of Appeal (Criminal

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8,00 Geefax AM: News and Information. 6.30 Breekfast Time: with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. Today's Thursday "specials" include Breakfast Time Doctor (between 8.30-9.00), Food and Cooking (between 8.30 and 9.00) with Glynn Christian. Regular Items include news at 6.30, and every half-hour until 8.30, Sport (6.40 and 8.40), TV Choice (6.55), Review of the

Papers (7.18 and 8.18) and Your Stars (8.35). 9.00 The New Adventures of Flesh Gordon: cartoon version of the superman's adventures; 9.20 Battle of the Planets: another American carroon import: 9.45
Blue Peter Special
Assignment: the story of Saint
Therese of Listeux. Told by
Peter Purves (r): 10.30 Paly School: Barbro Lindgreen and Eva Erikson's story The Wild Baby's Boet Trip: 10.55 Cartoons.

11.10 Emil and the Detectives: part two of this Walt Disney version of the famous children's story; 12.00 Look Back with Noakes: Mr Noakes and Shap, his dog. walk the Pennine Way (r).

12.30 News After Noon: 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: 1.45 Postman Pat. 2.00 Country Lines: Nigel Farrell travels on low of the most picturesque and remote branch lines on the British Rail

2.30 Film: Birth of the Blues (19417) Bing Crosby as the leader of the first all-white Dixieland Jazz Band. With Mary Martin, Brian Donlevy, Director: Victor

3.55 Play School: It's Thursday; 4.20 The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky; 4.25 Janckenory: Jan Francis reads from Barrie's Peter Pan; 5.05 Newsround; 5.10 Blue Peter: Carols around the Christmas Tree. And more news of the Weather Beater

5.40 Sixty Minutes: the line-ups is news (at 5.40), regional magazines (5.53), weather (6.15) and closing headling

5.40 Angels: final episode of the hospital life drama serial. 7.05 Tomorrow's World: Science and technology magazine. includes an item about a beetle that could save our

7.30 Top of the Pops: with John Peel and David Jensen. It goes

8.05 Wildlife on One: Red River Salari. Down the Tana river, which starts life on the snowy peaks of Mount Kerrya and then takes 500 miles to reach the Indian Ocean. Along its banks: rhinos and hippos, rare monkeys, scarlet sunbirds, and bongos and parrots. 8.30 Only Fools and Horses: Del

(David Janson), still on the train of the elusive fast buck, offers to paint the flat of his friend Denzil (Paul Barber), but Denzil's wife (Eva Mottley) is far from keen on the idea.

9.25 The Crazy Gang: a Celebration. Denis Gifford, the master of instant nostalgia with memories of Flanagan and Allen, Nervo and Knox. Naughton and Gold, and Monsewer Eddie Gray. Cilps from their films, reminiscences of show business folk, and location filming at the Victoria Palace ("home" of the Crazy Gang) and the Palladium. clips from new rek

10.25 Film 83: Barry Norman with including Natalia Wood's final film Brainstorm, Peter Yates's science-fiction fantasy Krull, and the new monster movie. Jaws 3-D.

11.00 The Rockford Files: crime story starring James Gerner: 11.50 News and weather. EQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m; VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m; VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m; VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

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6.25 Good Morning Britain: with Diamond. Today's Thursday "specials" include Faith Brown (panic buying with the stars) at 7.45, Guess Who? (at 8.05) and Film Review (8.35). Regular items include news at 6.28, 6.58, 7.28, 7.58, 8.28 and 9.00 Roland's Winter Winterland.

#### ITV LONDON

9.00 Themes news headlines. Followed by: Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: Flash Gordon (1981). Full-length made-f cartoon version of the American comic strip. For the adversary of old, the Emperor Ming, now read Barin, Emperor of Mongo.

12.00 Teetime and Claudia: for the very young: 12.10 Get up and Gol with Beryl Reid and Mooncat (r); 12.30 The

1.00 News from ITN; 1.20 Thames News; 1.30 To the Ends of the Earth: The full story of the three years it took for Sir Ranuti Fiennes and his companion Charles Burton to make the first Pole-to-Pole circumnavigation of the globe. They covered 52,000 miles and traversed the five

3.30 Sons and Daughters: Australian drama serial. 4.00 Film: First Men in the Moon fantasy based on the H. G. Wells story, about an 1899 expedition to the Moon involving Edward Judd, Lionel Jeffries (a hugely enjoyable comedy performance), Martha Hyer and Enk Chitty. The

special effects are remarkable 5.45 News; 6.00 Themes News;

6.45 Knight Rider: The hunt is on for an ingenious cat burglar. 7.30 Carry on Laughing's Christmas Classica: Kenneth Williams and Barbara Windson link these excerpts from many of the Carry On comedies,

hardly any of which have anything to do with Christmas Hotel: The continuing story of the staff and glamorous guests at San Francisco's luxurious St Gregory Hotel. Tonight: Peter's ex-wife unexpectedly returns on his birthday. And an elderly couple arrive at the hotel, intending to

have a free weekend. 9.00 News, And Thames news

9.15 Film: Capricom One (1978). Exceptionally clever space-fiction drama which provides a stark contrast with First Men in the Moon (at 4.00). This one is about the First Men on Mars except that they don't actually land on the planet, though the secret of what actually happens to them is closely kept at the expense of people's lives being put in jeopardy. Starring Elliott Gould as the reporter who smells a 10.15 Christmas at Cromore: Colour, music, and seasonal cheer from Cromore House, rat. With James Brolin, Brende

11.30 Gloria: St James's Church in London's Piccadilly (a Wren masterpiece) is the setting for a concert of sessonable musi-Mozart, Handel and Vivaldi Vith the English Chamber Orchestra and Choir, and soloists Juli Gomez (soorano). and Margaret Cable (mezzo). Works include Mozart's Exuitate, Jubilate; Vivaldi's Gioria in D; and the pastoral

Vacaro, Sam Waterston, Hall

12.30 A Different Christmas: After eight years spent in north-eas India, Sister Laetitia, a Roman Catholic missionary, is spending Christmas at home in Britain. Gillan Reynolds talks to her.



Robert Smeaton in Accounts (Channel 4, 9.30pm)

BBC 2

3.30 Film: Mr Standings Builds his Dream House (1948). Comedy, very charmingly performed, about a New York family who

idyllic life has somehow

5.00 The World Chass

escaped them. With Cary escaped them. with Cary Grant in tip-top form, well supported by Myrna Loy, Melvyn Douglas and Sharyn Moliett. Directed by H. C.

move to the countryside, only to find that the ideal of the

Championships. Jeremy James presents the semi-final.

5.35 News summary. And weather.

5.40 Sports Review of 1983; From the BBC Television centre, in Loadon, where more than 400 leading sports personalities

presentations to the Sports presentations to the Sports Personality of the Year, and other awards including the Team of the Year, and the Outstanding Overseas

Celebration. What happened earlier this month when four of the world's great opera

houses - La Scala in Milan,

House, the Paris Opéra, and the Royal Opera House,

Covent Garden - combined via television satellite to present a

star-studded gale in aid of the Marie Callas Foundation for

young singers, conductors, composers and musicians.

programme in Christopher Jones's unmissable series about the Mother of

about some of the 2.000

people (all of them non-MPs)

collectively, as "strangers"). We learn about the 100-year-

old steem engine, always kept ready, in one of the miles of

basment under the royal

the beautiful mansion just

outside Portstewart in Co

Group, the North Eastern

11.05 News on Two. And weather.

11.10 The Roads of Extle, Part two

Londonderry. The entertainers include the Carnhill Folk

Schools Symphony Orchestra, St Anne's Cathedral Choir.

of this Franco-Swiss film about

philosopher, starring Francois

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, the

Claude Goretta. It has English sub-titles. The story so far: Rousseau has been hounded through Europe, rejected by his fellow thinkers — and only his mistress, Therese, has

remained loyal to him. Ends at

Simon and Dominque Labourier, and directed by

who work at the Palace of

Westminister (known,

9.25 The Great Palace: The Story

the Chicago Lyric Opera

gathered to see the

Personality

7.25 Callesi An International

## "These are our Dales", says the budding shepherd, indicating the sweep of the Border country that he, and his brother, and their freshly widowed mother have just moved up to from neighbouring Northumberland, in Michael Wilcox's film ACCOUNTS

vincox's firm ACCOUNTS (Channel 4. 9.30pm). "Well, ours and the bank's", is the amending afterthought. Elsewhere in the film, someone else with his nose close to the earth (and there is nobody in Accounts who has not ot farm mud on his boots), says hat resources, like the land, are not for making money, but for making life better. Before you making life better. Before you start running away with the idea that Accounts is an agronomical treatise, let me rapidly assure yor that it is not fundamentally that idnd of work at all, though the struggles of the Mawson family to balance their books is undoubtedly the thread that runs through it. The most complicated

CHANNEL 4

4.25 Film: The Three Ages (1923")

Buster Keaton's first full-

Griffiths's Intolerance in

length movie employed the same technique as did D W

tracing human love in parallel

Rome and the sarly 1920s. See Keaton riding a dinosaur, and burlesquing the charlot race from Ben Hur. The cast

also includes Margaret Leahy, Joe Roberts, and Oliver Hardy

Mahoney, Plus the Dude group of roller-skaters, and Indian

girls in Coventry dancing to Indian music (r).

chimney. The rest of the family decide to stand in for him.

everything from decorating the

hall and installing new furnifure to buying a tree and organizing a party. And, as if all that was not enough, the tence is blown down during a

7.00 Channel Four News. Followed

by : 7.50 Comment: A Christamas poem, read by E P Thompson.

8.00 Bands of Gold: Final film in

Bowl football stadium.

this series devoted to the World Drum Corps Championships 1983. We have now reached the Miami finals

which take place at the Orange

Competing are 12 top United

States corps. And there is a special exhibition by the

at the world championships

Wilcox. The story of a widow (Eispeth Chariton) and her two

9.30 Film: Accounts. By Michael

teenaged sons who, after being tenant farmers in Northumberland, become

border country, near Kelso.

The brothers are played by Robert Smeaton and Michael McNally. The film is directed by Michael Darlow and

photographed by Charles

Stewart (see Choice).

11.25 What the Papers Say: Brian

11.48 Our Lives: Penultimate film in

one of the too sislom

competitors in British

this series based on the actual

Tonight's film focuses on Paul, aged 15, from Wapping who is

experiences of youngsters from London's East End.

Degenham Crusaders, the first British drum corps ever to play

8.00 The Addams Family: Uncle Fester agrees to play Santa Claus but he gets stuck up the

6.30 Anything We Can Do: Christmas chores for the

Milton Keynes family,

5.30 Everybody Here: Children's show, with the popular young playwright and film-maker Tunde ikoli, assisted by actors Brian Bovell and Louis

(In an early role).

sequences. In today's film, it is love in the Stone Age, Imperial

accounts that the brothers have to settle (the mother is a secondary figure, symbolizing discipline) are to do with their personal relationships as they advance from brawling and taunting adolescence to what could well be responsible manhood. There are some highly complex emotions bubbling away just beneath the surface of Accounts. It is just as dramatic when they do not break the skin

 Accepting the fact that the best voice for the reading of THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS must always be the one inside our own head, Bernard Cribbins's rendering is an exemplary second-best in the 12-par serialization (by Angela Thomae) of Kanneth Grahame's book that

#### CHOICE

begins on Radio 4 at 4.40. He has

begins on Radio 4 at 4.40. He has caught Mole, Rat and Toad perfectly, though I fear you will have to wait for tomorrow's instalment to realize how expertly Mr Cribbins has got the measure of the faddish squire of Toad Hall. A reminder: a British-made musical version of The Wind in the Willows, with instantic the Willows, with instantly recognizable voices such as lan Carmichael's, Michael Hordem's, Beryl Reid's and Una Shabba's issuing from the mouths of some ingeniously animated model figures, is one of ITV's Holiday Tuesday attractions. The adaptation is the work of

Rosemary Anne Sisson, which means that we need not feel apprehensive about alien influences being at work such as those that were brought to bear on Kenneth Grahame's exquisite book when it fell into the gleeful hands of the Disney studios. years ago.

S.00 News.
S.05 This Week's Composer:
Stravinsky. The Concertino,
1920; Three Songs from William
Shakespeare (with Ann Murray. mazzo), Tango (Nosì Lee, piano) and Concertino, 1952). Plus Concerto for two planos and Marielle Labéque).†

8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Strauss (Duet – concertino). Gershwin, arr McBride (Second Rhapsody) and Smetana's Symphorac Poem Haakon Jarl, Op 16.7

11.15 Scottish National Orchestra: Haydn's Symphony No 92. Interval reading at 11.35. Then, at 11.40. Smetana's Ma Viest (My County).1

J Cosi Fan Tutte: The 1983
Salzburg Festival production of
Mozart's two-act opera, with
Margaret Marshall and Ann
Murray as the inconseant sisters
and James Morris and Francisco
Araizz as the sporting young
officers. Riccardo Muti conducts
the Vienna Philinamonic and
State Oney Chouse with

State Opera Chorus, with Kathleen Battle as the sisters' meid and Sesto Bruscantini as Don Alfonso. Interval reading at \$.06, and Act 2 at \$.10.7

4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Another of Brien Kay's selections. It includes Finzi's in Terra Pax, and Vaughan Williams's Fantasia on Christmas Caroks.†

6.30 Bendstand: with the Sun Life
Band. They play Julian Grant's
Variations for Brass Band (first
performance) and Elgar's
Seven Suita;
7.90 The Gentlemen of the Chapel
Royal: Purcell and the English
Beyolding: The last of Gordon.

Revolution; The last of Gor Reynolds's programmes.t

7.30 Josef and Marie: Play by Peter Turnini. It is Christmas Eve and in the apartment store where the cleaner (Elizabeth Spriggs) and the nightwatchman (Maurica Decharates)

Roger.t 8.35 Schubert and Hindemith: recital

25, No 1.1 9.20 Tzadkine: Peter Vaughan reads the short story by Naomi Doudai.

9.45 Music in Our Time: Music by Justin Connolly, introduced by Anthony Payne. Poems of Wallace Stavens 1; Cinquepeces for brass quintet, Verse for eight solo voices and Anima for viola and orchestrs, with Frederick Riddle (viola).

11.99 The Complete Wabern: Songs to texts by Stefan George, With Phyllis Bryn-Julson (soprano).†

11.15 News, Until 11.18

Denham) work, the two find a cure for loneliness with the aid of a "liberated" bottle of brandy. The translation is by David

by Nobuko Imai (viota) with Roger Vignoles as accompaniet. Schubert's Sonata in A minor, D

821 (Arpeggione), and Hindemith's Sonetz for Viola, Op

10.00 City of London Sirdonia: Avison's Concerto Grosso in G, Op 4, No 6, Britten's Prolude and Fugue for 18 Strings, and Mendelsohn's Symph No 12 for string orchestra. 10.45 Lute Recital: by Robert Spencer, Works by Anthony Holborne, Thomas Robinson, Phillip Rosseter and Alan Ridout (suite for lute, 1970).

4.10 Bookshelf. Radio 4's book

1.00 News.
1.95 Clarinet and Plano: racital by Einar Johannesson and Philip Jenkins. Weber's introduction, theme and variations; Niels Wilhelm Gade's Fertaslestucke. Op 43, and Debussy's Petite pièca.

1.00 News.
1.00 N 4.19 bottomer.
programme.
4.40 Story Time: "The Wind in the
Willows" by Kenneth Grahame,
abridged in 12 parts (1). The
reader is Bernard Cribbins (see Choice).

5.00 News Magazine, 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.

5.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial 1.30 Cosi Fan Tutte: The 1983

Report.

8-39 My Word Michael O'Donnell is in the chair, and the opposed partners are Dive Powell and Frank Muir, and Antonia Fraser and Denis Nordon. (r) †

7.00 News.
7.25 The Archers.
7.20 A Breath of Fresh Air. Ian
Galloway shares the pleasure of
a favourite walk on the Scottish
istend of loss. and of long.

12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.
England: VHF as above except:
6.25-6.30 Weather, Travel.
1.55pm Listening Corner. 5.505.55 PM (continued). 11.0011.30 Study on 4: Aliaz Francel

Radio 3

7.85 Morning Concert: part one:
Ramssu's overture to Les Fétes
o' Herbé, Bach's Trio-Sonata
from The Musical Offering,
Monteverdi's Zafiro Torna (Nigel
Rogers and Ian Partridge,
tenors), Coparario's Fantasia
Suite No 6 for two violins, bass

during No 8 for two warning was violing, bass viol and organ) and George Muffat's Sonata No 2 in G minor for strings from Armonico Tributo, 1682).f

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News.

8.00 News.

istand of none.

7.36 A Christmes Concert direct from the Yown Hall, Birmingham. Part 1: CBSO chonus and children of Lozelfs Junior & Infant School and Anglesey Junior School.†

8.15 Any Answers? With David Lanche.

8.35 Concert. Part 2-f 9.30 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine, includes comment on Moby Dick at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, and the Opera Marchester, and the Opera
North production of Verdi's
opera il trovatore, 9.59 Weather.
19.00 The World Tonight: News.
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: "Ask
Mamma" by R. S. Surtees (14).
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.

3.00 Afternoon Theatre: The Annunciation, by Geoffrey Parkinson, With Michael comedy about a middle-age childless couple, leading an uneventful life in auburbla u the wife notices a series of

BBC 1 WALES 12.57-1.00pm News of Wales headlines: 3.53-3.55-News of Wales Headlines: 5.53 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Wales Today, 11.50 News headlines: News of Wales.

S4C Starts: 2.05 Ffalabalam. 2.20 Oresteia. 3,35 Flashback. 4.00 Body Show. 4.30 Buster Keaton. 4.55 Oi'r Ole. 5.05 Anturisethau Syr Wynff ( Plwmsan, 5.30 Abbott and Costello Show. 6.00 Brookside. 8.30 Here's Lucy. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.25 Teutu-Ffon. 8.10 Colog. 8.40 Teil the 170th. 9.10 Meistres Y Chwarse. 10.45 Madam Butterfly. 1.15am Closedown. Inglis looks at the week's main

TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30 Slegified and Roy. 4.39 Cartbon. 4.45 Pop Goes Cristmas. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 5.25 Televiews. 6.30 Gardens for All. 7,00-7.30 Benson. 12.30am Postscript, Classified.

canceing. Closedown at 12.25. CENTRAL As London except 12.30pm-1.09 About Britain 1.20-1.30 News 5.00 Crossroads 8.25 News 7.09-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 12.30em Closedon

#### Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today. Including 6.30, 7.3u., 8.30 News Summary. 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather.
7.00, 6.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport, 7.45 Thoustif for the 8.25 Sport, 7.45 Thought for the Day, 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament, 8.57 Weather;

9.00 News.
9.05 Rey Gosking — In the house of...
(new series) 1: Bill Morris. A
dirst-hand girmpse of a day in the
die of a top union man. Mr.
Morris is a bull-time union official
in charge of negotiating wages
and conditions for the bus crews
of Britain. He is interviewed by
Mr. Gosling at Transport House
in London.
9.30 The Living World.
10.00 New; Conversation Piece. Sue
MacGregor talks to Walter
Kershaw, the Lancashire murial
painter.

Kershaw, the Lancashire murial pakiter.

18-30 Morning Story: The man Who Loved Trains by Peter Finch, Read-by Ray, Handy

10-45 Daily Service\*

11-30 News; Travet; Analysis, The Half of Franch Socialism (r).

11-48 Enquire Within.

12-30 News; You and Yours.

Consumer affairs.

12-27 Radio Active's Christmas Turkey (r).\* 12-55 Weather; Programme News.

1.90 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's feature include an itam in which African refugees talk about the sadness of axile. And Margaret Courtenay reads the first part of Anne Suter's A Tale of Two Privagesses

Gambon and Eve Street, A black religious texts in her literary books and she decides that they are a sign from God. She believes she is going to give birth to Jesus.

4.00 News; Just After Four. Roger Worsley and music hall recording ploneers.

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# strike called for January

**David Felton** Labour Correspondent

The shipbuilding unions decided last night to proceed with an all-out national strike from January 6.

Attempts to avert the strike broke down yesterday after British Shipbuilders said that they were only prepared to clarify the existing pay offer and would not negotiate under

In an exchange of letters, British Shipbuilders also told the 17 unions in the industry that it was not prepared to make 'significant movement" in its 10-point survival package.
The strike of all 56,000

shipyard workers has been called to protest at the productivity changes which BS want. The management has offered a rise of £7 a week in return for agreement on changes in long-established working The union's determined reaf-

firmation of the strike threat came as controversy raged over the future of the Scott Lithgow yard on the Lower Clyde, which faces closure after the cancel-lation of a £86m order for an oil Union leaders said that

meeting was to be held with British Shipbuilders in the new year to discuss the Scott Lithgow situation but that would be separate from any developments on a national In a telex to British Ship-

builders yesterday, the unions asked for a urgent response to the "clear indication" of work-crs' views that the productivity proposals were unacceptable. The largest union, the Gen-

eral, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union held a ballot of its 20.000-plus members which showed that 62 per cent supported a national strike.

Doubts were being raised last night over whether the union needs a two-thirds majority in support before action can be taken. Mr Jim Murray, the union's chief negotiator, said that the union's executive could overrule that portion of the rule British Shipbuilders said that

the strike threat had affected customers and damaged work prospects. "A strike will be even more harmful."

Senior officials of the 17 unions said that consultation exercises with members showed a clear majority in favour of a

# Shipyard | Gandhi's jet-set Rasputin runs into trouble



deep trouble. Swami Dhírendra Bramachari, known to his respectful acolytes as "Swamiji", used to have unfettered entrance to I, Safdarjung Road, where Mrs Gandhi lives. He runs three private aircraft, several Mer-cedes cars including a custom-built 500 SE, and has his own private air-strip.

He has long, lank hair, and wears a white dhoti with a strip of cloth, made of the finest homespan cotton, draped ar-tiessly over his chest and one

He also has an arms factory in Jammu, and that may have proved his undoing. Though it might seem a little odd for a man of God to be manufacturing rifles, the yogi seems to see no apparent conflict. He has now been accused of not merely making guns, but of gun-runaing.
The state of Jamma and

Kashmir is the most sensitive border state of all, and a police raid on the swami's factory there turned up 500 spanishmade rifles, which had been brought in illegally. The police had been tipped off by a disgruntled trade union leader, who was upset at the small amount of piece-work available for his members since the Spanish guns were brought in.

Swamiji is now on bail, charged under the Indian Arms Act. He declared at a press conference that the guns were imported legally in order to improve the quality of his own guns, "When I do something, I like to do it well," he said.

But there was a big storm in A black-bearded mystic, But there was a big storm in widely referred to as Mrs Indira the Lok Sabha, the Indian Gandhi's Rasputin, who has Parliament's Lower House, in had an uncanny hold over the Indian Prime Minister and her nothing to defend him. The family has now found himself in swami put the first down to the influence of Dr Farooq Abdullah, the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. "I think he is taking it out on me because of his fight with Mrs

Gandhi," he said. His influence with Mrs Gandhi stretches back to 1959, when he was first introduced to the Nehru household. He was then but an up-and-coming teacher of yoga, brought to Delhi by Jagjivan Ram, the veteran Congress Harijan leader. His fame grew, while he lived in an outhouse of Mr Ram's bungalow.

After he was introduced to Pandit Nehru, and taught him some yoga exercises, he came into contact with Mrs Gandhi and her son, Sanjay, and his influence took a sharply rising

He soon came to be patronized not for the sake of the way he could stand on his head, but because of the political influ-ence he was able to wield.

"Sanjay was a very good friend," the swami recalls. Others remember how his presence at Sanjay's funeral was like a royal progress with even Cabinet ministers rushing np to touch his feet. Though his influence with Mrs Gaudhi remains strong,

her other son, Rajiv, is not so impressed by him. His entry to No. 1 Safdarjung Road has been restricted.

he faces criminal charges. However, those who know both him and Rajiv are said to be placing their bets on the ability of the yogi to survive



Worldiy man of God: Swami Dhirendra Bramachari in his Delhi office recently (above. left) and with Mrs Gandhi in happier times.

London and South-east: M20:

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yest to 4 mile east of A.24y (junction 7 Sheerness/Sitting-bourne); avoid if possible.

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carriageway closed east of Lee Mill

on Ivy Bridge-Plymouth road. A483: Temporary traffic lights in

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south of Shipston on Stour at Tidmington, Warwickshire, A4-

5:Roadworks on Coventry-Daven-try road at Fosse crossing. Warwick-shire. A61: Traffic signals control-

North: A57: New roundabout construction, traffic signals delays between Aston and Sheffield at Sheffield Road Fence. South Yorkshire, A1(M): Lanc closures at Peareth Hall, Washington, Tyne and Wear, M62: Carriageway

repairs, east and westbound lane closures between junction 22 (Ripponden) and 26 (Dewsbury/Bradlord/Halifax).

Scotland: A82: Single-line traffic,

temporary lights V<sub>2</sub> mile south of White Corries. Glencoc. A1: Single-lane traffic east of Tranent. A87:

ling traffic at Clay Cross, Derbys.

#### Frank Johnson in the Commons

## Yeovil's liberator meets only yawns

Yeovil for the Liberals at the last general election, vesterday introduced that jewel in the crown of many a Liberal Assembly discussions document: a Bill providing for the establishment of regional assemblies in England. Even whole Liberal

Assemblies have been known to enter a coma after a few minutes of this subject, with only those speaking, or about to speak, remaining upright. But there is no denying the fanaticism or the minority who are excited by the astounding tedious cause. At such times one thinks instinctively of Mr Roy Jenkins - his declining years blighted by his being allied with people capable of feeling passion about regional assemblies. So it was interesting to see yesterday how Mr Ashdown would overcome widespread consumer resistance. He was genuinely excited and idealistic about the issue. That, from the point of view of his

audience, insufferable. "We see ourselves as members of a liberation movement", he peeled, apropos of the Liberal Party or possibly just of Yeovil Liberal Party. From Vietnam onwards, experience has taught many of us to be on our guard against bodies calling them-selves Liberation Movement was not just the patriotic group of workers, peasants and intellectuals, seeking agra-rian reform that its apologists in the New York Times and Washington Post had all along

Conservative and Labour

simply a Liberal front. After years of atrocities and guerrilla activity in Yeovil, sometimes operating at night out of isolated villages of the surrounding countryside, it had at the last general election overthrown the candidate of the enfeebled John Peyton regime. Peyton, of course, had been depicted in the Western elite press an a vicious right winger, but in reality he was just another ordinary, decent toff, who had once been a Conservative Minister of Transport

claimed it to be. It was quite

Once in control of Yeovil. the Liberals have imposed a ruthlessly moderate regime, which has began to menace the rest of the country in pursuit of he age-old dream of a Greater Liberal Somerset. Where was I? Ah, yes, Mr

Ashdown's Bill on regional

Mr Paddy Ashdown, who won the Conservative-held seat of see ourselves as members of a see ourselves as members of a liberation movement", he said, "to break the crushing power of the leviathan bureaucracy, revitalizing local government institutions handling back to the people of this country that power which in a true democarcy would be and should be theirs". At this point someone - either a Tory

or a Liberal member groaned: "Oh God!" The problem, from the point of view of the other parties, was that he was addressing them as if they were the Liberal Assembly.

Furthermore, his act had about it a flavour of circa 1968, the deadly ear of participation, as such it had for some of us a certain period chasm. "... the influence of the Prime Minister and the great Civil Service bureaucracy ... genuine participative democracy .. increasingly Parliament has arrogated to itself all the process of meaningful decision-making." What about viable feedback?

To his credit, Mr Ashdown had the courage of his cliches. Certainly he sounded dated, but he did not seem to mind. Perhaps no one had told him that his ideas were no longer fashionable, or perhaps, to his credit, he did not seem to care about that. All ideas become unfashionable in due course. In a few years' time, right-wingers will become unfash-ionable, Mr Ashdown has just had bad luck in his choice of era during which to be elected. Hence the confident ribaldry of the other parties at his expense yesterday. None the less, he pressed on, "I must be one of the few MPs who sought to get elected substan-tially to reduce the influence of Parliament and hand back to the people of Britain the power to control their own destiny", he assured us, wisely avoiding discussion of whether liberal attitudes on, inter alia, capital punishment and immigration represented the views of "the people."

Mr Ashdown sat down to cross-party yawns, but this unity between the two main parties was not maintained for the major statement of the day. Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary for the Environment, being admirably unhysterical about nuclear leaks at Sellafield. These were the only recent leaks about nuclear matters that had not been channelled to The Guardian: no Labour members were

## hours after the Israeli jet-bombardment, Mr Arens confrontation with the West. THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

#### Today's events

Last chance to see

The British Art Show, an Arts Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Mon to Sat 10 to 5; also at the Ikon Birmingham; Tues to Sat 10 to 6

Paintings and drawings by the Brotherhood of Ruralists, Devizes Museum. Long Street, Devizes, Wilts; Tues to Sat 11 to 1 and 2 to 5 (ends Dec 22).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No. 16,316

Words and Images from the Lake District; Collins Gallery, University of Strathclyde, 22 Richmond Street,

Continued from page 1

responsible.

Israeli bombings although the

anonymous caller who tele-

phoned the Voice of Lebanon

radio station afterwards claimed a hitherto unheard of organiza-

tion, called the Black hand, was

• JERUSALEM: Both Mr

Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Mr Moshe

Arens, his hawkish Defence

Minister, yesterday delivered forthright warnings that Israeli

attacks against what were termed terrorist targets in

Lebanon and elsewhere would

continue (Christopher Walker

Addressing the Knesset only

exhibition of decorative design over two centuries, the Wedgewood visitor centre, Barlaston, near Stoke

(ends today). The Draughtsman's Art. maste drawing from the Whiteworth Art Callery, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester University, Whitworth Park, Manchester, Thurs 10 to 9 (ends today).

4 Midshipman commonly having no preference (4).
5 About to drink to fellow

6 Hounds put out like hunters at

agricultural area (9).
18 Fabric of type rats ruin (or

moths?) (8). 21 Very cold for one of Noah's parasites, say (6).
22 Sounds like a hill named long

ago (5).
Empty place in, for example, Learnington church (5).
No oil-painting, this customer

Solution of Puzzle No 16,315

grass (6). Follow metrical system, per

cotsman, was he? (10).

Eight killed in French

base bomb attack

did not cease.

Worcester Cathedral, Worcest

Sun (ends Jan 7).

Picture Derby - photographs of Derby from 1900 to 1983, Derby Museum and Art Gallery, the Strand, Derby, Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun to Mon (ends Dec 30). The Art of Craft: craftwork at Newport Museum and Art Gallery, John Frost Square, Newport, Gwent; Mon to Thurs 10 to 5.30, Fri 10 to 4.30. Sat 9.30 to 4, closed Sun (ends Feb 4).

Manchester City Art Gallery has haps, in tendency to excel (9).

8 French novel for this type? The contrary, probably (5).

13 Intolerance of Gilbertian dairymaid's introduction (10).

15 Bit zamy, perhaps – one without head for this architecture (9).

17 Husband arranged dates in the architecture (9).

The Times Jumbo Christmas crossword will appear on Saturday, December 24. Newsagents may wish to order extra supplies to ensure that

(9.30): Christmas

## Anniversaries

Births: John Crome, painter, founder of the "Norwich School", Norwich 1768; Jean Henri Fabre, entomologist. Saint Léons, France, 1823; Giacomo Paccini, Luca, Italy, 1859.

#### New books – paperbacks

by the Cathedral Choir, Manchester, Cathedral, Manchester, 730.

Carols by Candlelight, Pump Room, Bath, 7-30.

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Commenting on a congressional investigation into the bombing of US Marines in Beirut the New York US Marines in Beirut the New York Times says: "A House subcommittee that inquired into the massacre of 241 marines in Lebanon eight weeks ago found their security inadequate and blames it on their officers in Beirut and in the chain of command all the way back to Washington. That there are important learners to be learned from this ant lessons to be learned from this tragedy is certain. But pointing fingers at individuals seems less naeful. It is easy enough in retrospect to say the marines should nave been prepared against so obvious a danger as a truck bomb. Surprising as it may seem, however, generally obvious ... Because the marines were under daily sniper and artillery attack, their commander, not illogically, put many of them into the steel-reinforced headinto the steel-reinforced neac-quarters building for greater protec-tion. That relocation created the final vulnerability. It is natural to assign blame for disasters and to k scapegoats for misfortune.
But after all the post-mortems. the death of the young marines will emain most truly a consequence of actional policy in Lebanon, not the

#### Electric boats

Viscount St Davids, who is chairman of the Electric Boat Owners Association, is anxious to encourage the use of this silent, non-

British Army on stamps"

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Central S, SW England, Channel Islands, S Wales: Cloudy, rain, heavy at times, some dner intervals developing; wind SE veering SW, fresh or strong, locally gale torce for a time; max temp SC to 11C (48F to 52F).

E, NE England, Borders: Fog patches clearing, sunny but becoming cloudy with rain later; wind S veering SW later moderate; max temp SC or SC (48F to 48F).

48F).

N Wales, NW, NE England, Borders, lale of Man; Bright intervals, cloud thickening, outbreaks of rain; wind S or SW moderate increasing fresh; max BC or 9C (46F to 48F).

Lake District, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow: A few fog patches clearing, sunny intervals becoming cloudy with rain later; wind variable light, becoming SE or S moderate, locally fresh; maxt temp BC or 9C (46F to 48F).

Aberdeen, cantral Highlands, Moray

9C (46F to 48F).

Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyti, NW Scotland, Northern treland: Showers dying out, sunny intervals developing: wind variable becoming southerly, light increasing moderate, locally tresh; max temp 7C to 9C (45F to 48F).

NE Scotland, Orloney, Shetland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, slowly dying out; wind N fresh, or strong, variable light later; max temp 7C to 8C (45F or 46F).

Outlook for temporrow and Saturday:

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday

SEA PASSAGES: S North See, Straits of Dover; Wind SW light or moderate; sea slight. English Channel (E); Wind SW light mcreasing lresh or strong later; sea smooth becoming rough later. St George's Channel; Wind SW light becoming S strong or gale; sea smooth becoming rough. Irish Sea; Wind mainly S light or moderate; sea slight.

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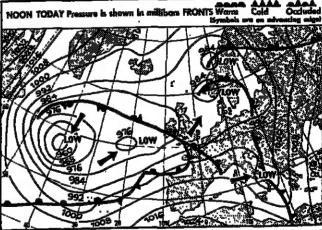
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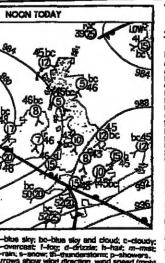
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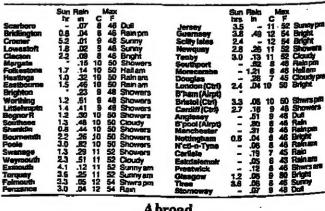
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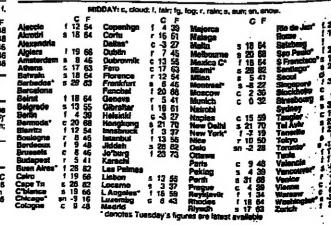


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**Around Britain** 



Abroad



**ACROSS** 

1 Rosinante, for one, put on stage

4 Run into one who enumerates

together thus (5).
Public performance of melody

in a simple key (6).

12 Undertakings of our era on right of presentation to a benefice (8).

14 Depositing cash to support railway? (10).

16 A couple of pages on a plane, perhaps (4). Fret, causing mental confusion

20 Journalist chap takes the German fiery spirit (10).

22 Support for Rand, perhaps, in inclement weather (8).
23 Against, or in Paris towards. America (6).
26 Thickness of rope Mill found

promable? (3).

27 In retirement then, a grim, upsetting experience (9).

28 Breach of faith of tutor and youth leader? About right (9).

29 Why, we hear, idle characters return (5).

profitable? (5).

2 Doorkeener demanding silence

1 Roue in low water in Morocco

**CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8** 

## Carol Services

Festival of nine lessons and carols

pledged to keep up attacks inside Syrian-held territory if terrorist violence against Israel

terrorists establish themselves in the Chouf region which we have evacuated. We shall

continue to demand that the

Druze evacuate them from the

Responding to opposition motions critical of the Govern-

ment's handling of the PLO

evacuation from Tripoli, north-

ern Lebanon, which one deputy

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capable of preventing the exit of

the PLO, but had decided

Carols, City Hall, Hall, 7.30. Carols continuous with Mersey side County Police Bank, Liverpoo Parish Church, Pierhead, Liverpool 12 to 2.
The Cathedral Carol Service,

Town Carol Service, Wallsal Town Hall, 6.45.

#### Exhibitions in progress

Landscapes by Ray Howard-Jones, Carmarthen Museum, Abergwili, Wales: Mon to Sat 19-4.30 (closed Sim) (ends Dec 31). Oriel, Christmas Exhibition of works by Welsh artists, Welsh Arts Council Gallery, 53 Charles Street, Cardiff; Mon to Sat 9 to 5.30, closed

A collection for Christmas original and rare work by English artists and craftsmen (inc. special toys); Falcon House Gallery, Swan Street, Boxford, Suffolk; Tues to Sat 10.30-6, Sun 2-6, closed Mon (ends

#### Pre-Raphaelite room

Manchester City Art Gallery has reopened its famous Pre-Raphaelite. Room, which has been sumptuously, restored with the aid of a Victorian pattern book. The collection includes some of the best known paintings of the school, like Ford Madox Brown's B'ork, Sir John Everett Millais' Autumn Leaves and William Holman Him's The William Holman Hunt's The Hircling Shepherd and the Shadow

#### Jumbo crossword

regular readers can order a copy.

## Parliament today

adjournment debates on various topics.

1858; Edgar Varèse, composer, Paris. 1883. Deaths: George Ellot, (Mary Ann Evans), London, 1880; Richard von Kraft-Ebing, psy-chiatrist, Graz, Austria, 1902.

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#### The papers

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#### Stamp competition

The National Army Museum is holding a "design an Army postage stamp" competition in conjunction with its current exhibition "the exhibition is open to young people up to 18. Prizes will be awarded for the best designs based on museum exhibits. Closing date is January 15, 1984.

#### Rock sealing will periodically halt traffic for up to 10 minutes between Shield Bridge and Clumie, Traffic reduced to a single lane controlled by lights. Information supplied by AA

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